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## AAF Headquarters Reorganized



**ANTHONY EDEN**, British foreign secretary, who returned home this week after conferring with President Roosevelt and other of our nation's leaders, took an intense interest in the training program of our Army on his visit to a number of U. S. posts. Here he inspects the Airborne Command during demonstration at Fort Bragg, N. C. With Maj. Gen. M. B. Ridgeway, commanding general of the Airborne Infantry, he is shown talking to a first sergeant.

—Army Photo

## Eden Likes 'Paul Revere Team' In Demonstration of Tactics

**FORT BRAGG**, N. C.—A colorful and dramatic demonstration of fighting tactics by units of the Airborne Command was witnessed here last week by Anthony Eden, British foreign secretary; Field Marshal Sir John Dill, chief of the British Joint Staff Mission, and Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff of the Army of the United States.

Whining, death-dropping dive bombers of the 1st Air Support Command, air-filling parachutists, silent gliders, roaring artillery pieces and troops undergoing simulated battlefield fire during an advance were the major features of the demonstration which was directed under supervision of Brig. Gen. Elbridge G. Chapman, commanding general of the Airborne Command.

Parachute and glider troops of General Ridgway's division demonstrated their proficiency in the surprise attack on the capture of a given objective. The skies above Fort Bragg were filled with hundreds of parachutists, gliders and dive bombers, presenting what was termed "an amazing picture of strength and coordinated action."

After the gliders had landed and the demonstration was completed, Mr. Eden asked General Chapman to go over to the gliders with him for a close-up inspection. The tall, smiling foreign secretary strolled over to the gliders and talked with crew members for several minutes. He took particular interest in chatting with glider pilots and air-borne soldiers, whom he left with broad smiles and "something to write home about."

Later in the afternoon the distinguished party was conducted to another area of the reservation where they witnessed a reinforced regiment in attack. This demonstration, which was described as "excellent and a credit to the participating troops of Maj. Gen. William C. Lee's division," involved troops advancing under actual fire, the simulation being as close to battle conditions

as possible. Everything from heavy artillery to hand grenades was used.

Eden showed some amusement when it was explained that this cooperation between these units is frequently referred to as the "Paul Revere Team." The parachute and glider troops being the Paul Revere, and pilots and crew members of the transport planes and gliders, as the horses.

Mr. Eden was not content with being told about things; he wanted to see for himself and was given the opportunity.

Eden made the following statement: "I regret very much that time has not allowed me to see and

speak to the officers, noncommissioned officers and men who have taken part in the most realistic and interesting exercise which we have witnessed this afternoon.

"I realize that such demonstrations can only be carried out by men who are not only thoroughly fit and well trained but are of high courage.

"Field Marshal Dill and I have been greatly impressed and inspired by all that we have seen, and we are deeply grateful to everyone who has worked so hard and so intelligently.

"Our sincere good wishes go to all ranks at Fort Bragg."

## Emphasis Placed On Policy-Making In Streamlined Staff

Army Air Forces headquarters was reorganized this week in an action that was described as a streamlining rather than a shakeup.

The reorganization was designed primarily to transform headquarters into an over-all policy making body, and to transfer to field commanders responsibility for putting those policies into execution, the War Department said.

This redistribution of duties and responsibilities is effective immediately. From the organizational standpoint, components in the field are not affected.

### Results

Results of the realignment will be: Headquarters, Army Air Forces, relieved of the details of execution, left free to determine over-all policy.

Creation of a more cohesive organization within these headquarters.

Delegation of greater responsibility to field commanders.

Reduction in personnel of headquarters staffs in Washington.

Officers of headquarters are reduced from 25 to 13. There will be only six major components of the Air Staff, instead of 19 as formerly. The Special Staff offices are increased from four to five.

The headquarters staff of Gen. Henry H. Arnold, commanding general, Army Air Forces, under the new organization, is as follows:

Chief of Air Staff: Maj. Gen. George E. Stratemeyer.

Three Deputy Chiefs: Brig. Gen. T. J. Hanley, Brig. Gen. LaVerne Saunders, Brig. Gen. William E. Hall.

Six Assistant Chiefs of Air Staff: Maj. Gen. Oliver P. Echols (Material, Maintenance and Distribution), Maj. Gen. Barney McK. Giles, Operations, Commitments and Requirements), Brig. Gen. O. A. Anderson

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## Army Releases Halted For Men 38 and Over

Release from the Army of men over 38 was ordered halted by the War Department this week but—

Provision was made that a man in this age bracket could be transferred to an inactive status in the Enlisted Reserve Corps subject to the following conditions, as listed by President Roosevelt:

1. The man must request transfer to an inactive status, to enter an essential industry, including agriculture, accompanied by a statement from the War Manpower Commission to the effect that his release is desired.

2. The man will be recalled to active duty upon the request of the War Manpower Commission.

The President made this announcement as quick action was taken to relieve a critical shortage of manpower in the dairy farming industry. Also announced was a plan to force men now classified in 4-F, who have had dairy experience, to return to that occupation under the threat of induction into the Army for limited service.

Soldiers over 38 who had hoped to obtain discharges from the Army

are affected in two principal ways:

1. They must now obtain requests for their release by the War Manpower Board. 2. Because they will not be given discharges, but merely placed in the Reserve, they must remain employed in essential industry or they will be recalled to active service.

Further details on release, control while on inactive status and recall were worked out by the War Department and the War Manpower Commission as ARMY TIMES went to press.

The President also pointed out that there are only 500 men in the Army over 38 who are listed as dairy farmers or dairy farm hands, but thousands who are listed as farmers or farm workers have had experience that would qualify them as dairy workers.

## General Lear Retires May 31

**MEMPHIS**, Tenn.—It was announced that Lt. Gen. Ben Lear would leave duty with the combat troops on May 31.

General Lear will be 64, the age at which retirement is compulsory under statutory law, on May 12. He said he would return to active duty some time later, but not with combat troops, and did not suggest where.

Maj. Gen. Lloyd R. Fredendall was reported to have arrived in Memphis to assume duties as Deputy Commander of the Second Army, but no official announcement was made Thursday as to General Lear's successor when he retires on May 31.

General Fredendall commanded the American forces that landed at Oran in North Africa on November 8, 1942. In June 1942 he was named to command the newly-activated XI Army Corps with headquarters at Chicago.

## 'Promoted' Back

**CAMP PICKETT**, Va.—Some soldiers don't like promotions. Take Privates Michael P. Flynn and Harold Spradly for example. Both were formerly corporals in Btry. A, 200th C. A. Bn., but they didn't like to drill men. They were promoted backwards at their own request.

## One Soldier Equal to Tank With 'Bazooka' Rocket Gun

Here's new medicine for the tank threat. The War Department has just announced a new antitank gun which "makes a lone foot soldier master of any tank which may attack him."

While the mechanical details of the new weapon are not yet revealed, it is described by Gen. L. H. Campbell Jr., ordnance chief, as a

"rocket gun, built on the Fourth of July principle." The "rocket," which apparently carries the projectile, is inserted in the gun, which is open at both ends, and then set off. The gun is usually fired from his shoulder by one man, after it has been loaded by another.

The War Department asserts the weapon is "revolutionary in design," and says that the projectile will penetrate armor, drive through brick and rock walls, shatter bridge girders and "perform other seeming miracles."

The new gun has been dubbed the "Bazooka" by American soldiers in North Africa, where it has been in

Copies of the Army Times are made available to all Army hospitals through the American Red Cross.

# Mess Sergeant Heavyweight Tips Scales at 354 Pounds



MEET THE NEW CHAMP  
M/Sgt. Frank J. Baker

By Sgt. John J. Chickering  
ORLANDO, Fla.—Inspired by the story appearing in a recent issue of ARMY TIMES, Orlando Air Base presents its own candidate for the heavyweight champion in his class, M/Sgt. Frank J. Baker, mess sergeant to end all mess sergeants. He is shown above sampling a light lunch offered him by Cpl. Francis B. Black.

A veritable mountain of a man, this Mammoth Manager of Mess, this Gargantuan Guardian of Galley, tips the scales at 354 pounds, on the hoof, irrefutable testimony to the excellence of the food he dispenses. Alive and well, he feeds several thousand men daily in the general mess. Properly cured and prepared, he himself would constitute field rations for a regiment.

He has not been thus always. At the time of his first enlistment, nearly 30 years ago, he was a mere stripling of 173. Serving in the Army from 1914 to 1920, he then left for six years, but the memory of Army chow proved too strong for him. He returned to the mess in 1926 and has remained there ever since.

To the statistically inclined it will be of interest to know that Sergeant Baker wears a 7½ cap and a collar 22 inches in circumference. His waist measures 53 inches from the beginning all the way round and back to where you started from, no mean distance in a forced march. Size 13 socks and 11½ double "E" shoes bottom off our Goliath.

## Easy Fishing

CAMP BEALE, Calif.—A three-pound carp swam right up to the steps of the orderly room, of Company F, Filipino Regiment, when a heavy rain storm flooded the camp area.

Naturally it didn't take the men long to get hold of the fish, which was very soon sizzling in the pan in the back kitchen.

# He's Eager at 65 To Fight Again

Oldest Man In The Service  
Boasts of Army Family

CAMP STONEMAN, Calif.—Cpl. John L. Whitton, whose appearance and vigor belie his 65 years, is fighting like blazes to get overseas again.

Yes, again. For this World War II is just "the same old story" to Whitton. This is his fifth campaign. He fought in the Spanish-American

War in 1898, the Philippine Expedition from 1899 to 1901, the Boxer Rebellion, and in World War I.

Born in 1878, and later lying about his age in order to squeeze into the Army—which then required that a soldier be 21 years old—Whitton is the only old-time Regular Army master sergeant (formerly known as senior grade sergeant) back in service.

"From the point of combat, I'm the oldest man in the service, says the old warrior, now at Camp Stoneman.

In his World War I days, Whitton served under General Eisenhower (then a lieutenant colonel in the Tank Corps), and under Major General Farnsworth. His tours of duty have included cavalry, infantry, tanks, motor transport, and ordnance.

Whitton's family is strictly Army. His wife is a parachute packer at Lawson Field, Ga., two sons are overseas, and his daughters are married to Army men.

"Dammit, I want to get overseas again, with my boys," he says repeatedly.

He was retired as a U. S. Customs Inspector, his civilian occupation, because of overage. And now he's back in the service, carrying a chip on his shoulder for the fifth time.

## Global Premier For Stage Door Movie

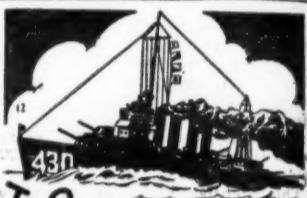
HOLLYWOOD, Calif.—United Artists will launch the movie version of "Stage Door Canteen" with the first "global premier" in the history of motion pictures, opening the film exclusively for the armed services on all fighting fronts.

It is expected to stage the premier late in May, possibly on Memorial Day. Plans call for simultaneous premiers in Iceland; North Africa; England, Ireland, Iran, Australia, Hawaii, the Solomons, Brazil, Trinidad, Alaska, and a dozen other points, as well as on ships at sea. It is estimated there will be upwards of 100 simultaneous showings on premier day.

## Anglo-American Legion For Yanks and Tommies

LONDON.—To bring together enlisted men of the forces of United States and Great Britain and create a spirit of comradeship which will endure not only through the war but also in the peace to follow, an Anglo-American Legion has been formed in London.

Other chapters are to be organized throughout Britain wherever Yanks and British Tommies are likely to get together.



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# Rescuers Cited for Heroism

CAMP UPTON, N. Y.—Eight soldiers who rescued a 10-year-old boy from the icy waters of Eastport Pond, Eastport, L. I., last Feb. 13 were cited for heroism at a full dress parade here.

Brig. Gen. Philip S. Gage, commanding the Harbor Defense of New York and New York sub-sector, awarded Soldier's Medals to Sgt. Forrest P. Finkle and Pfc. John B. Donald.

At the same time, citations for bravery were read for Pfc. Dominick Patruno, Pfc. Charles Archiello, Pfc. Frank Comfort, Pfc. John Evanko, Pfc. Martolo Licciardi, and Pvt. Peter Tompkins.

The soldiers, all members of a detail riding in an Army truck last Feb. 13, spied 10-year-old Donald Hopping struggling in the icy pond and Donald, first man out of the truck, ran out to warn the boy's 7-year-old sister, Patricia, away and then dashed on to get the boy.

The ice broke and the soldier fell in with the lad, but he succeeded in getting to him and in holding his head above the water. Meantime, Sergeant Finkle was busy directing the other members of his detail in the formation of a human chain across 80 feet of thin ice.

As the chain reached Donald he headed the boy to safety and then was pulled from the water himself. Sergeant Finkle immediately began to apply artificial respiration to the unconscious youngster and continued for 30 minutes until an ambulance arrived. The lad recovered.

## New Colors Are Presented To Medical Regiment

CAMP BARKLEY, Tex.—Col. Merf Proctor, commanding officer of the 11th Headquarters, Special Troops, Third Army, presented regimental colors to the 67th Medical Regiment here.

Praising its motto, "To Preserve Life", Colonel Proctor told the regiment "no unit will ever have a more important duty. It is a great pleasure

to me to present your colors. Never let it fall."

He presented the maroon and white flag to Lt. Col. William Haas, commander of the 67th, after the colors had been uncased by Mrs. Haas. The banner bears a spread American eagle, superimposed with the regimental insignia of a white cross of Christianity, the star of Texas and the medical caduceus.

The unit was activated last fall by a cadre of officers and men from Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., and enlisted men from Camp Robinson, Ark., and Fort Dix, N. J.

## Birthday Celebrated After Training 40,000

NORTH CAMP POLK, La.—The 8th Armored Division—the "Thundering Herd"—has just celebrated its first anniversary.

Activated at Fort Knox, Ky., on April 1, 1942, for the purpose of providing Armored Force cadre, the Division has trained 40,000 men, some of whom became the backbone of the 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th and 20th Armored Divisions, and others which are now with the fighting forces in North Africa.

## They Call Him Sir

FORT McCLELLAN, Ala.—There's a private here who has everyone on the post, including the officers, calling him sir. His name is Kenneth Sir.

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# GI Actors Put News Onto Lecture Stage

## Sketches at Aberdeen Clarify War Orientation Courses

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md.—For 18 months, Department of Military Training here has conducted its own dramatization of the war, illustrating the war orientation lectures with short sketches in which the entire cast is GI.

Most of these sketches are in a serious vein and deal with such subjects as the German invasion of Norway and France, the Russian campaign and the Japanese plan for world conquest.

With ominous background music and dramatic lighting effects, these brief acts have added much to the interest of the lectures. Their chief value lies in the fact that they constitute a sort of summary, pulling the main facts of a lecture together and giving them emphasis.

Trainees are not expected to learn by memorizing dates, but rather to understand significant trends and certain events leading up to the present war. The ideas and people behind the scenes of modern history are excellently presented by the DMT players.

However, by far the most popular

of the DMT's dramatic offerings are the "Country Store" scenes which generally follow the more serious sketches. Going from the sublime to the ridiculous, they give the trainees ten minutes or so of good clean fun, in addition to showing the opinion of the American "Man in the Street."

The last word in pure, unadulterated corn, these riots make "Helzapoppin" look like a Theatre Guild production of "King Lear", and include hillbilly music, stooges in the audience, spittoon target practice, ancient jokes, costumes inspired by Weber and Fields, and, in general an atmosphere reminiscent of Minsky's in the good old days.

Responsible for the organization of these sketches is S/Sgt. Charles Holmes, who gave birth to the idea in the fall of 1941. A radio actor in civilian life, Sergeant Holmes is an old hand at operas, whether soap or horse. In addition, he has appeared on many of the airwaves' better known shows, including Myrt and Marge, "Mr. District Attorney" and "Famous Jury Trials."

# Mosquito Fight Is Organized

"In malarious places it is just as necessary to beat the mosquito as to beat the enemy," according to instructions to Army Medical officers from the Surgeon General.

Special units for the control of malaria have been organized by the Medical Corps to operate in malarious areas, but the principal defense against the Anopholes mosquito is still "personal combat," the War Department says. The soldier, himself, is taught how to use sleeping nets, protective clothing, and repellents, is warned to stay out of malarious villages, and to get behind

screens at night. He is trained how to keep his mosquito weapons in repair.

Backing him up, the Medical Corps has 42 malaria control units which either are or will be in operation in seven areas where malaria is prevalent. Sixteen of these are engaged in survey activities (reconnaissance) and 26 are control units (combat).

Each survey unit comprises a parasitologist, an entomologist, four technicians, and field collectors, and three chauffeurs.

Personnel of each control unit includes a malaria engineer, eight non-commissioned officers and pri-

vates, and three chauffeurs. Each control unit is furnished with trunks for carrying special malaria control equipment for drainage and insecticidal or larvicidal work as needed. Antimalaria labor gangs are recruited locally from civilians.

Remarkably few fatalities have been attributed to malaria to date and this is due in large measure to the antimalaria instructions, equipment, and treatment available to all troops in infected sectors. It is also due to the victorious running battle that each man is waging against an annoying and dangerous air attack.

## Private to Captain In But 10 Months

CAMP STEWART, Ga. — Capt. Frank B. Stewart, of the same surname but no relative of the Revolutionary War general after whom this camp is named, has had a phenomenal rise in rank since he enlisted in the Army in May, 1942.

Four days after his entry into service as a private, he was made a technical sergeant. Four months later, he became a first lieutenant in the Quartermaster Corps by direct appointment. He was commissioned a Captain recently, receiving that rank just 10 months after he started out as a buck private.

Sixteen years previous experience from 1923 until 1939, was a big factor in his rapid rise.

# Sulpha Helps Lower Knox VD Rate

FORT KNOX, Ky.—Reduction in the month of February of venereal disease in the Armed Forces to the lowest point from May, 1941, to the present, has been announced by the Medical Section of Armored Force Headquarters.

The total venereal disease rate for white troops was 13.49 cases per 1000 soldiers per year.

This highlights the new system of duty-status treatment of gonorrhea which has resulted in the saving of

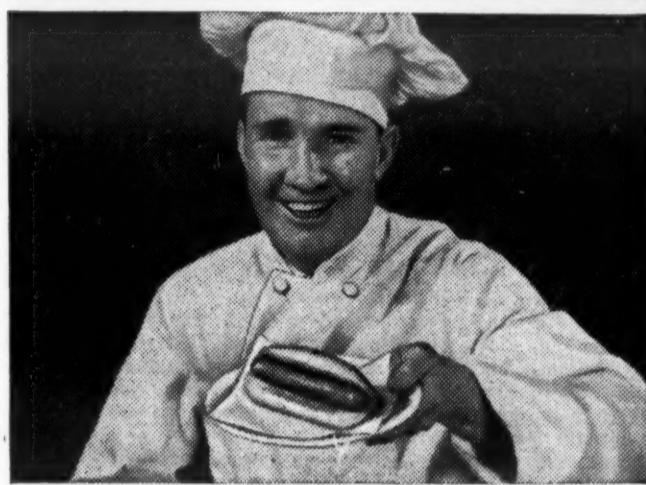
many man-hours for military training. In duty-status treatment the soldier infected with gonorrhea is given five days' medication with sulphonamides while he continues to carry on his regular work. Before this new treatment began, similar cases required hospitalization for an average period of 10 days.

The Armored Force has carried out venereal disease control in many phases. Not only has sulphonamide been used successfully in duty-status

treatment of gonorrhea, but many dispensaries have used this drug as a preventive measure. Soldiers in organizations with high venereal disease rates were given sulphonamide pills before leaving on a pass and after returning. Disease rates were considerably lowered. It has been found that if each man coming into contact with gonorrhea took a prophylactic using sulphonamide, only one man in 1400 would develop the disease.

In discussing sulphonamide, Armored Force medical officers pointed out that its use has not produced any serious reactions.

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# Ex-Railroaders Still Railroaders in Army

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Seventy-five Military Railway Service officers, including railroad battalions sponsored by the New York Central, Baltimore and Ohio, and Santa Fe Railroads, were graduated here last Saturday following their completion of the basic military course at the Atlantic Coast Transportation Corps Officers Training School.

Commissioned directly from civil life, these officers only a few weeks ago were serving their respective railroads as trainmasters, locomotive engineers, machinists and dispatchers. Today they rank from lieutenant colonels to second lieutenants and will take over the direction and operation of Uncle Sam's military railroads on our various fighting fronts.

Col. J. A. Appleton, formerly gen-

eral manager of the Pennsylvania Railroad, New York zone, who served as an army engineer in World War I and now chief of the Rail Division, Army Transportation Corps, delivered the commencement address following a military demonstration by the railway officers, designed to show their accomplishments during four weeks of intensive study.

This was the third class of Military Railway Service officers to graduate from Fort Slocum's Transportation School, which is directed by Col. Bernard Lentz, post commander, and Col. Thomas F. McNeill, assistant commander.

A GLACIER USED as a landing field of the Army Air Transport Command is sliding into the water one foot a month. It is expected to last a century.

## BATTLE STORY OF "FLYING FORTS"

by author of "They Were Expendable"

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## Secret Weapons

Ever since he came to power, Hitler has terrorized the world with threats of secret weapons. But so far it's been the Allies—and particularly the Americans—who have turned up with real "secret weapons."

It's true that when the Nazis launched their famed "Blitz" they caught the Allies by surprise, but their weapons weren't secret, only their tactics. Even the famed dive bomber was only a modification of a principle first advanced by the U. S. Navy.

But now the United States, after a year of slowly gaining experience, is bringing to bear the weight of its inventive genius. For inventive genius, as well as technical efficiency, manpower, and tactical skill, wins wars.

Within the past few months, two U. S. "secret weapons" have been announced. Latest is the "Bazooka" (see page 1), a high-powered weapon, with which two men "can stop any tank." Details are still withheld, but first announcements make the "Bazooka" sound like a wonder-gun. Even if it is only half as good as it has been advertised, it is still one of the most important developments of the war.

Earlier, the U. S. mounted a 105-mm. howitzer on a tank chassis and thus gave the British a mobile tank gun that enabled them to shove Rommel off balance and send him reeling in his famous retreat across Libya.

These are just two of our secret weapons—two that have been announced. You can rest assured there are more, many more, some of them already being given their battle tests. Perhaps, you who are reading this editorial, have entrusted to your care some weapon, the secret of which must be guarded as carefully as is the famed Norden bombsight.

Meanwhile, Nazi equipment, which was the equal of the best when the war began four long years ago, is rapidly falling behind. On the ground, the best they could offer this year was the Mark VI tank, a 60-ton monster which may prove to be a white elephant. In the air, they have done their best to keep up by modifying old models, rather than putting completely new planes into production.

One reason for this, of course, is that to change over plane models means to stop production almost completely while the plants are being retooled. As the Allies continue to pound at Germany and German-occupied Europe, the Nazis need every plane they can get their hands on. They haven't time to retool. However, some of their models are now so obsolete that they must be abandoned. Significant is the announcement by the British that the Stuka dive-bomber is no longer being built.

But in the United States, with its great productive capacity and its freedom from actual battle, inventive genius has a chance to flower. Every soldier, from private up, is being asked to give his Army ideas on how to win the war. At posts all over the nation Americans, who were teetotal on monkey wrenches and reared on the principle of a free-interchange of ideas, are putting their skill to work to improve the weapons given them.

Ideas win wars.

## Messages 'Unclaimed' War Shift the Cause

Thousands of vital messages concerning servicemen killed in action, reported missing, or taken prisoners of war, as well as a large number of undelivered allotment checks have been returned to Washington in the past few months stamped "unclaimed." It was announced this week.

At the request of the War and Navy Departments, Red Cross Home Service is attempting to trace the persons to whom these messages were originally sent.

While the correspondence unit of Red Cross Home Service is usually able to locate the majority of emergency addresses, it frequently takes several months to trace persons who

moved without leaving a forwarding address. Difficulties in locating people often are complicated by the large scale shifting of the population toward war industry centers where persons are seldom listed in city or telephone directories because of their transient status, it was pointed out.

To facilitate the delivery of casualty and other messages of vital importance to a serviceman's family, all persons listed as the "next of kin" on service records, were urged by Red Cross officials to leave their forwarding or emergency address with the post office when they move. Soldiers should remind their families to comply with this request.

## Exchange Service Offers Place for Ex-Store Managers

Candidates for OCS who were employed as executives in large departmental stores, chain stores, or who were in charge of extensive accounting systems may now be assigned, when they complete their courses, to the Army Exchange Service.

A statement of policy from the Second Service Command, Services of Supply, Personnel Division indicates an aim to make use of the civilian experience of such men in the Army.

The requirements are stiff. No one under 35 who is physically qualified will be considered. The candidate must also have had at least five years' experience in a responsible

executive position with a metropolitan department store as district manager, as branch manager of a multiple unit retail store system, or as manager of a large volume variety store, and must have been responsible for an annual volume of at least \$2,000,000 of merchandise of the type handled by the Army Exchange.

For assistant exchange officers, to serve as office managers, the candidate must have had full charge of the accounting system of a large departmental or multiple unit store system for at least four years, or had extensive experience as a public accountant. Preference is given to certified public accountants.



## No Intercollegiate Sports For Soldiers in Colleges

Soldier-students in colleges and universities under the Army specialized training program will be encouraged to take part in competitive team sports within their Army specialized training unit, although they will not have time to train for or to participate in any intercollegiate sports competition, the War Department announced this week.

The Army specialized training division has recommended to physical training directors and instructors at colleges where Army specialized training units are established that, as a means of inculcating a "will to win," competitive team sports such as soccer, speedball, touch football, modified football, basketball, volleyball, and baseball be strongly encouraged.

### Saturday for Sports

It is anticipated that, as early in the course as competitive groups can

be organized, much of the Saturday afternoon free time will be devoted to such contests, in addition to a substantial portion of the six hours weekly devoted to physical fitness training.

The specialized training division, Army Service Forces, has recommended that activities comprising the physical training program be grouped into four basic categories—aquatics, combatives, gymnastics and obstacle courses, and team sports.

The program calls for at least six hours of organized physical training each week, in addition to the 53 hours of formal academic and military training. The first four weeks will be devoted to general conditioning, testing and orientation. During this period the soldier-students will be observed carefully and classified with respect to their individual aptitudes and deficiencies. By the end of the first week, tests are to be

made to screen out those who may require special physical training. Further tests will be made periodically to measure progress and to determine when those of inferior development may have qualified to participate in the normal program.

### Unskilled Tutored

After the initial four-week period, the men are to be assigned first to those activities in which further development is desired. For example, those unable to swim will be taught that important skill. Later, they will be assigned to the other types of physical training. In turn, so that each man will receive training in all four types before his course is concluded. By the end of the first 12-week term it is expected that all will be able to qualify for participation in the normal program.

Instruction will be offered in boxing, wrestling, Judo tricks, rough-and-tumble fighting, and in the use of sabres, and life-saving.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Insignia

Your further suggestions and ideas are invited.—Ed.

### AT Gets Results

Gentlemen:

You may be interested in knowing that the publicity you have been giving the Jeep-O campaign here has resulted in Jeeps signing up in California, Florida, and Ohio.

Pledge forms that you printed in the ARMY TIMES were clipped and signed by soldiers and individuals in those sections. In addition, inquiries were received by us from camps throughout the country.

This speaks well for your circulation, and, being the former publisher of a weekly of my own, I know this should also interest your advertisers.

National Jeep-O week will be marked from May 24-29. You'll be hearing lots more about this, and I look forward to your continued cooperation in the campaign for happier riding for soldiers the nation over.

Every good wish for your continued success.

S/Sgt. Dick Linehan  
Editor McClellan Cycle  
Fort McClellan, Ala.

## JAG OCS Set Up; Lawyers Get Chance to Earn Bars

The War Department this week announced establishment of the Judge Advocate General Officer Candidate School.

The new school will be at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich. The first class of about 75 officer candidates will begin June 1, with a second class beginning six weeks later.

All soldiers who successfully complete the course will be commissioned second lieutenants in the Judge Advocate General's Department, and not to exceed 50 per cent of each class on recommendations of The Judge Advocate General, may be promoted if not an essential requirement.

Immediately to the rank of first lieutenant.

Applicants for the school will be processed and selected in a manner similar to those entering other officer candidate schools, except that The Judge Advocate General will pass finally on each application.

To be eligible for entrance into the school a soldier must have completed his basic training, he must be 25 years of age or older, and must have obtained his law degree at a recognized institution. Those applicants with four or more years of general practice will be given a preference although it is stressed that this is



PRODUCTION FOR VICTORY  
She's due for a promotion

## Corporal Rex Bucks for Promotion

SIX BRAND new buck privates are answering the roll these days at the 908th Quartermaster detachment, Tarrant Field, Tex., answering it directly to the unpredictable Corporal Rex. (See picture above.)

The mischievous corporal, twice AWOL and once a refugee from the guardhouse, "took off" again recently. Anxious members of the 908th searched nearby woods and the hole post for 24 hours but couldn't locate their favorite non-com.

But the next day was payday and the corporal, one smart GI, put in a prompt appearance. Tugging at one of the boys in the pay line, Rex led a group to a spot under the barracks back stairway.

There soldiers discovered their latest "recruits," six white, brown-white and black-white pups born to Corporal Rex. Both Rex, under the expert care of Capt. Jack O. Knowles, post veterinarian, and the pups are doing nicely in their new home, a big cardboard cereal box placed in a barracks corner.

Pvt. Louis G. Scaramell, who found the collie-spitz mascot straying the post last October, plans to send one of the pups to a youngster hospitalized in the east.

In January Corporal Rex forgot the dignity of her two stripes, and was on the verge of being busted to private after snapping at a young girl and then breaking a 14-day confinement to the guardhouse doghouse and eluding MPs.

But there's no more talk of court martial now. The corporal's due for a promotion.

## Chaplain Retires, Served 24 Years

CAMP GRANT, Ill.—Col. Aristedo V. Simoni, head of the camp chaplains, retired from the Army this week, after 24 years of military service.

Colonel Simoni's career has been marked by service and heroism. With the first World War, because of his ability as a linguist, he was asked to accept a chaplaincy, and went overseas with the 33rd Division in 1918. He escaped from the Germans at Flanes, and was given four service stars for participation in actions at Aisne-Marne, Champagne-Marne, St. Mihiel, and the First Army Defensive Sector. He was also given a wound chevron and two gold war service chevrons. For heroic action late in 1918 he was given the Distinguished Service Cross.

Since World War I Father Simoni has served in the Canal Zone, the Philippines and at posts throughout the United States.

## Red Cross Contributions At Stewart Top \$5000

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—Contributions of military and civilian personnel in Stewart's Red Cross drive totaled \$5,440.85, Col. William V. Ochs, post commander, announced.

Enlisted men were not solicited during the drive, but many made contributions to the fund.

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MEMBERS of Headquarters Battery, 70th Battalion, Fort Sill, Okla., this week mourned the loss of an American eagle, their mascot of only a few days. The bird was captured by Pvt. Herman Lanier while the battery was on a problem on East Range, and escaped from its improvised chicken wire cage one week later.

## Officers Meet to Study Manpower Conservation

FORT BRAGG, N. C.—Ways of conserving manpower at Army posts through the elimination of duplication in administrative work and the reduction of wasted motion were explored this week at a conference of representatives from Fourth Service Command headquarters and various camps and hospitals within the command. The meeting was devoted to designing methods of work simplification, and followed three previous sessions held at Fort McPherson and Camp Wheeler and Camp Blanding.

The purpose of the conference was to map plans and arrange for the survey of existing administrative operations with a view to releasing manpower to meet the growing needs of other more essential wartime activities. The War Department has appointed a special survey board headed by Maj. Gen. Lorenzo Gasser to study the problem and suggest ways for releasing personnel.

Col. A. R. Brown, chief of the Fourth Service Command Head-

quarters Control Division, said that the commander of the Fourth Service Command, Maj. Gen. William Bryden, wished to have stressed the imperative necessity for overhauling the administrative machinery. The guiding considerations in revising the Army's administrative system, he said, were decentralization of authority, elimination of non essential duties, elimination of non essential records and simplification of work.

"Eliminate clerical red tape and make operations easier," Capt. A. Strickland advised. He added that more than 12,000 persons were released throughout the Army as a result of recent streamlining of administrative procedure in the Army Supply Forces, and that further study of the problem would produce more ways of conserving manpower.

Captain Strickland spent some time in Washington learning the latest development in methods of saving manpower.

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## Legal Aid Gratis For U. S. Soldiers

Offices Established at Camps Will Give Advice

Free legal aid for the soldier, both at home and overseas is now being provided under a new plan sponsored by the American Bar Association and the War Department.

Heretofore a soldier who needed legal advice went to his company commander, the post chaplain, or the Red Cross representative. While these men were anxious to help him they had not the professional legal equipment to do so adequately.

### Assistance Offices

Under the new plan Legal Assistance offices will be established at each post, camp and station. A qualified commissioned officer who is also a licensed attorney is to be appointed as Legal Assistance officer. He will operate the office under the supervision of the staff Judge advocate of the command, if one is available. Assisting him will be volunteer civilian lawyers from nearby communities who have been chosen by the State Bar Association Committee on war work for that purpose.

Under Secretary of War, Robert P. Patterson, summed up the purpose of the new plan:

"Anything which can be done to keep a soldier from worrying about his personal and family problems is a definite contribution to morale. I believe that this effort will contribute materially to the war effort."

### Not a Charity

The new plan emphasizes that the gratuitous service "Should not be

considered as charity but entirely as a service of the same nature as medical, welfare, or other similar services."

Since outstanding members of the bar in every State have offered their services it seems assured that the quality of the legal advice the soldier will get under the new plan will usually be equal to that which he could obtain as a civilian in his home town.

Overseas soldiers also come under the benefits of the plan, since an overseas officer "may, if he deems it advisable, establish such an office, with such modifications as may be necessary to meet local conditions."

## Issue Badges To Marksmen

An old Army custom which had been temporarily discontinued now permits the issuance of badges for marksmanship to men who qualify in the use of arms.

The badges may be worn from the date classification is announced in orders, until the man again fires the weapon. Badges for qualification in weapons other than the soldier's principal arm, may be worn during the period of current enlistment, or until the soldier may again be tested for qualification. Officers may wear the last qualification.

The badges must be worn on the left breast, but may not be worn on an overcoat or under combat conditions. They may be worn on khaki or O. D. shirts when the blouse is not worn. Requalification or qualification in the same class with more than one weapon will be indicated by appropriate bars attached to the basic badge.

## Double Trouble

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—Mrs. Louis Zelbst sued for divorce. Her husband wooed and married her as an Army captain, and then turned up for breakfast in a private's uniform. Judge Blake granted the divorce and also noted that he would ask the Army to check the man's record.

## Restrict Officers' Dates With WAACs

CAMP EDWARDS, Mass.—It has been noted here that some officers have been taking unfair advantage of the enlisted personnel of the WAACs by ordering them to dance and have also caused some embarrassment by asking them for dates.

Auxiliary and non-commissioned officers of the 41st Post Headquarters Company come under the category of enlisted men and hence are forbidden by Army regulations to attend social functions with commissioned personnel of the armed forces. Hence the order forbidding the dating of any enlisted member of the 41st Post Headquarters Co., WAAC.

**WOMAN IN THE WAR!**  
Virginia Donnelly, who makes filaments for radio tubes in Army communication sets at a Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company plant.

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## New Kinks

### Recent Ideas That Help Us Win the War

Ideas win wars. This column is a collection of miscellaneous ideas and inventions that are bringing us to victory. Some are important, some aren't. But they all are worth while.

#### Trainees' Room

So that trainees may have their own private room where they may study, write and read, vacant huts at Camp Barkeley, Tex., have been furnished with tables, chairs, sofas, magazine racks and bookshelves, and even with fluorescent lighting. The hutment supplements the regular Battalion Day Room.

#### Sky Cops

Brooks Field M.P.s do a good deal of their work with airplane and radio car, hence have been dubbed "Sky Cops." A look-out man in a 'plane spots what he is looking for and calls the ground patrol units, who rush to the spot and take their prisoners pronto.

#### Baby Pictures

Service men who were sent overseas before their babies were born may now have their photographs. American Women's Volunteer Services will take pictures of babies, white or colored, at the request of the mothers. Pictures of the baby alone, then with the mother, and also with any brothers or sisters, will be sent to the fathers overseas.

#### Use Old Stuff

Army clothing, such as dress uniforms, which cannot be renovated or repaired, is to be made over into garments, suitable for field exercises, maneuvers, landing operations and other training operations. This is following the War Department's policy of making full use of all clothing and equipment.

#### Scale Models

At Fort Warren, Wyo., and several other camps, scale models of the regimental guard areas have been built so that new soldiers going on sentry duty will be able to orient themselves readily to their surroundings. Everything the new soldier has to learn, even to the location of fireboxes and telephones, is made clearly recognizable on these models.

#### Avoids 'Climbing'

A new device, developed by a gunner of Hartford, Conn., overcomes the tendency to "climb" and waste ammunition. In sub-machine guns and automatic rifles, it is an attachment, fitted to the gun's muzzle, with slots cut through its upper side, so that the blast, reacting against these, pushes the muzzle down and neutralizes the "climbing" tendency.

#### New Method

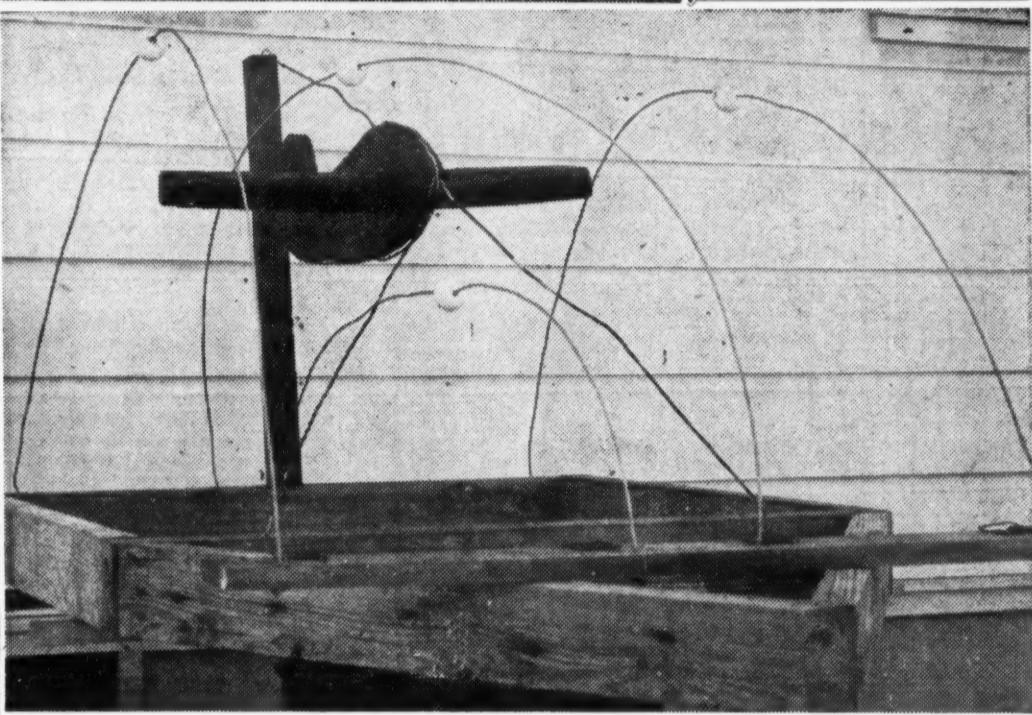
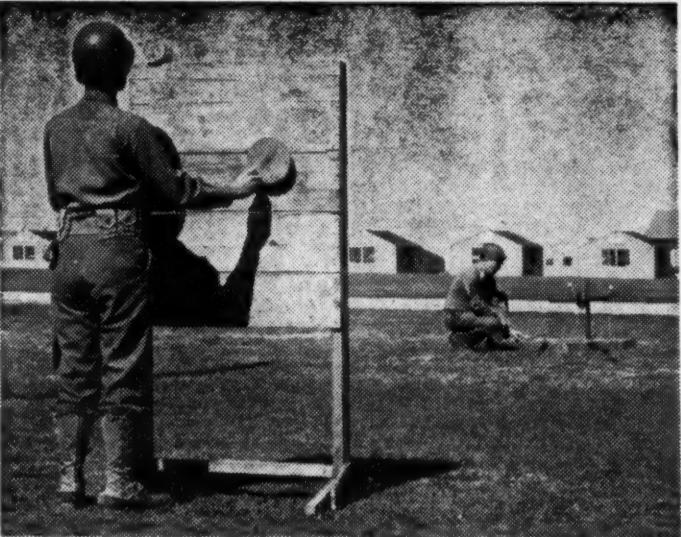
A Camp Pickett, Va., sergeant, who had trouble in getting his men to take their shots, found out that they would fall out readily for dental appointments. Now he has his men fall out presumably for dental appointments, and then marches them over to the dispensary for their shots.

#### Super-Bomber

It is revealed by Lt. Gen. H. H. Arnold, chief of the AAF, that the United States is developing a super-bomber which will dwarf anything yet seen in the way of bombing planes. The new giant is said to be undergoing tests and may be in use against the Axis in a few weeks.

#### No Wingfloats

A seaplane without wing floats is the subject of a new U. S. patent issued to Claude Dornier, the German plane designer. The plane's wings spring from high up on the hull, but arch sharply downward, creating elbows which serve as floats. Landing wheels may be pivoted on the floats so that they will fold up into the wings. The Dornier patent is vested for the duration in the Alien Property Custodian.



SOME ping pong balls and wire is saving ammunition at Camp Hulen, Tex. Confronted with the problem of teaching would-be gunners the necessary lead in anti-aircraft fire this gadget was designed to break gunners of the habit of watching one tracer in flight instead of calculating the fire pattern. Sighting through the tin can telescope on the movable platform the gunners follow the ping pong balls as they travel along the wires around the plane model.

#### Problem In Etiquette

## Looey on KP—What Next?

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, MD.—When a lieutenant went on K. P. in the O. R. T. C. Hq. Bn. last week, the 1,700 enlisted men eating at the mess hall were puzzled as to the proper chow procedure.

Should they for instance, snap to attention, salute and go through a revision of the familiar ritual and say: "Sir, Pvt. So-and-So reports for

chow?" Or should they just forget all about the gold bars belonging to the man serving the chow?

But more mystifying was the reason why a commissioned officer was pulling K. P. The story is out now. No, the lieutenant hadn't been gigged.

When the officer, Lt. Charles R. Karsnitz, Hq. Bn. mess officer, arrived at his desk at 7:30 a. m., he found that 17 of his 19 cooks had been sent to the rifle range. With virtually his entire staff out learning how to bring home the bacon, the lieutenant had to think fast.

He put aprons on two of the other K. P.'s—these were privates—and one on himself. Thus, attired, the crew managed to put together two meals for not only the headquarters battalion, but for a training company

as well.

So, instead of going hungry, the diners got spare ribs, sauer kraut and sweet potatoes. "I enjoyed doing it," said Lieutenant Karsnitz. "Anyway, I had done a lot of K. P. already before going to O. C. S. last September."

#### Cartoons Now Banned

No more will be the cartoon characters and artistic designs which have been decorating some Army vehicles.

These designs were formerly authorized by AR 850-5, Paragraph 4, E, but this has been rescinded by Change No. 3, AR 850-5, so that no more organizational designs are permitted.

#### Special No. 19

CAMP BLANDING, Fla.—Here's another one of those fellows that crowds all his "Red Letter" days into one date. Pvt. Joseph Andelinger, was born on March 19, married on March 19, and this year he entered the Army on March 19.

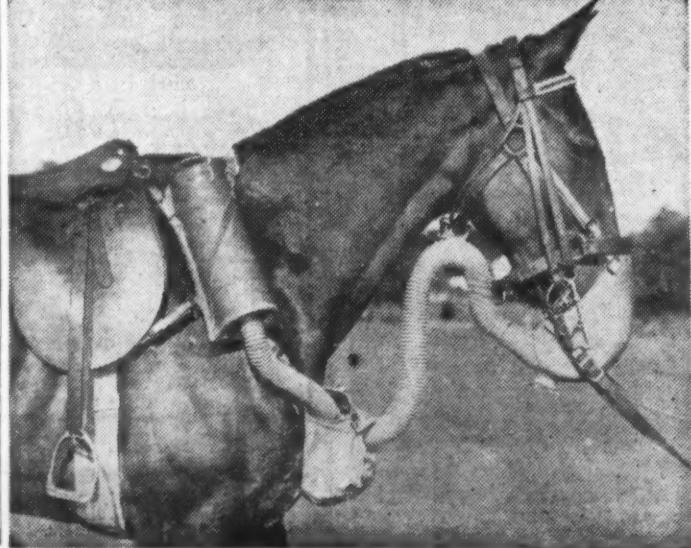
New type gas masks for horses and mules are now being issued to all Army units that employ these animals in combat areas.

The masks, developed by the Chemical Warfare Service, Army Service Forces, are of two types, M4 designed for pack and draft animals, and M5, developed for cavalry horses. Both are very light, and are great improvements over World War I models which resembled nose bags and were filled with wads of cheese-cloth filter.

The new models work much like the human masks, and consist of close-fitting muzzle pieces connected by flexible hose to canisters. The canisters are filled with air-purifying material. The M4 is equipped with two canisters, one carried on each shoulder of the animal. The M5 has only one canister, slung on the cavalry horse's right shoulder in such a way as to balance the weight of the rifle which is carried on the left side.

The new equine masks provide enough air for the animal to walk, trot, or gallop in comfort.

## Army Horses Get New Gas Masks



## Tommy Guns Fired From the Stomach

FORT KNOX, Ky.—Westerners of the Gay Nineties who fired their trusty 45s from the hip had nothing on present-day Armoraiders. In fact, soldiers of the Armored Force are going their grandfathers one better. The moderns are learning to fire tommy guns from position heretofore considered unorthodox in the best gunnery circles.

Long considered a shoulder weapon, the tommy gun now is being fired by Armoraiders from the stomach. When in action, these present-day warriors resemble a boxer with their bobbing and weaving tactics.

With the weapon placed slightly to the right and below the stomach and

the soldier in a semi-squatting position, Armoraiders training here at the Armored Force Assault Course are becoming more and more accurate. They're proving that American soldiers can and will adjust themselves to anything if it means improvement.

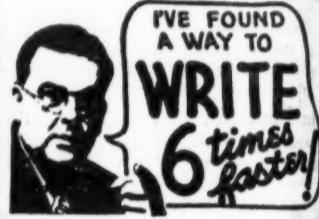
One of the advantages which has been brought out by the stomach method of firing is that it's easier for the soldier to change his direction of fire and still maintain his balance. With the weapon against his stomach, the Armoraiders can swing to the right or left without losing his aim.

### Doubled for Brother Now He Wants In For Himself

FORT HAYES, Ohio.—The story of a husky 14-year-old lad, who served three months in the Army in the place of his 20-year-old brother who didn't want to go, was revealed here.

James R. Owens, of Beaver, Ohio, was held in city prison on a charge of failure to report for induction. He promised his younger brother he would give him anything he wanted to take his place, but sent him only \$6.

After three months of service the younger brother, Ellis, woke up, and went AWOL. He went home and told the sheriff. Now, Ellis, who says he got along all right in the Army, wants to get in it for himself.



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**WHAT THE WELL-DRESSED** Army nurse will wear is here demonstrated by a bevy of models from the Philadelphia Quartermaster Depot. These are part of the new nurses' wardrobe designed by the QM's, which substitutes olive drab for blue as the basic color. On the left is the winter uniform, in dark olive drab wool, with khaki skirt and necktie. Gloves, bag and shoes are in tobacco brown leather. Second picture is a brown and white striped seersucker outfit for off-duty wear overseas. Picture No. 3, shows how

the olive drab cape looks over the seersucker uniform, when the seersucker cap is also worn. No. 4 is the two-piece green herringbone twill suit with steel helmet and leggings, for wear in advanced theater of operations. The luscious lass on the right is wearing a light olive drab trench coat, which has an outer shell of two layers of wind-resistant, water-repellent poplin, with a detachable wool lining and detachable hood.

—Phila. QM Depot Photo

## Here It Is—Hit Kit No. 2

### Marching Along Together

**Marching Along Together**  
No one's gonna stop us now.  
Marching Along Together  
No one's gonna stop us now.  
Rolling along the highway sailing  
the sky and sea  
Oh rum-tiddle dee beat the drum,  
and hold on to your lids  
Oh rum-tiddle dee here we come,  
the Yankee Doodle Kids.  
Marching Along Together  
All together to victory.

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### I've Heard That Song Before

It seems to me I've heard that song before;  
It's from an old familiar score,  
I know it well, that melody.  
It's funny how a theme recalls a favorite dream,  
A dream that brought you so close to me.  
I know each word because I've heard that song before.  
The lyric said "For-ever-more."  
For-ever-more's a memory.  
Please have them play it again,  
heard that lovely song before.  
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### There's a Star Spangled Banner Waving Somewhere

There's a Star Spangled Banner waving somewhere,  
in a distant land so many miles away.  
Only Uncle Sam's great heroes get to go there.  
Where I wish that I could also live some day.  
I see Lincoln, Custer, Washington and Perry  
And Nathan Hale and Colin Kelly too!  
There's a Star Spangled Banner waving somewhere—  
Waving o'er the land of heroes brave and true.  
At this war with its mad schemes of destruction,  
Our country fair and our sweet liberty,  
The mad dictators, leaders of corruption  
Don't the U. S. use a mountain boy like me?  
And gave me the right to be a free

American  
And for that precious right I'd gladly die.  
There's a Star Spangled Banner waving somewhere—  
That is where I want to live when I die.  
Tho' I realize I haven't had much schooling,  
Just to be a U. S. soldier would be swell.  
There's been many a great hero from the mountains—  
Sergeant York was one and he did mighty well.  
If I do some great deed I will be a hero.

And a hero brave is what I want to be,  
There's a Star Spangled Banner waving somewhere—  
In that heaven there should be a place for me.

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**This Time**  
This Time we will all make certain that  
This Time is the last time.  
'Till we ring it down in their own home town.  
For This Time we are out to finish the job we started then  
Clean it up for all time This Time So we won't have to do it again.

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### Comin' in on a Wing and a Prayer

Comin' in on a wing and a pray'r  
Comin' in on a wing and a pray'r  
Tho' there's one motor gone, we can still carry on,  
Comin' in on a wing and a pray'r.

What a show—what a fight—  
Yes, we really hit our target for tonight—  
How we sing as we limp thru the air  
Look below, there's our field over there  
With our full crew aboard and our trust in the Lord  
We're comin' in on a wing and a pray'r.

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### I Just Kissed Your Picture Goodnight

I just kissed your picture goodnight,  
And now, dear, I'll turn down the light;  
Your picture 'neath my pillow works like a charm, it seems,  
Fo' yo' useal through my pillow into my dreams.  
You know we're not really apart,  
For we're still in each other's heart;  
So till the dawn, my darling,  
I'm sure that I'll sleep tight,  
For I just kissed your picture goodnight.

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### Roll Out the Barrel

Roll out the barrel  
We'll have a barrel of fun  
Roll out the barrel  
We've got the blues on the run  
Zing! Boom! Ta-rar-rel  
Ring out a song of good cheer  
Now's the time to roll out the barrel  
For the gang's all here.

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## Army-Navy Heads Meet On Pacific Situation

Representatives of Gen. Douglas MacArthur and the two other American commanders in the Pacific zone, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz and Admiral William F. Halsey, met in Washington this week at a conference with the chiefs of staff in what was described as a "give and take" session.

Although it was not revealed specifically what went on at the conference, on the "give" side of the ledger probably was information about the Pacific situation given to the chiefs of staff.

On the "take" side were: 1. An explanation to the Pacific commanders of where the Pacific war fits into the global strategy decided at the Casablanca conference; 2. An explanation of how much equipment

and troops can be sent to the Pacific this year.

It is well known that some men in the Pacific zone have been dissatisfied with the amount of materiel and troops sent there as compared with Europe. When Lt. Gen. George C. Kenny, commander of the Allied Air Forces in the Southwest Pacific, arrived in this country it was said that he was here to beg for planes.

High-ranking officers from the Pacific included General Kenny, Lt. Gen. Delos C. Emmons, commanding air forces in Hawaii, and Lt. Gen. Millard F. Harmon, Army Air Forces commander in the South Pacific. They conferred with Gen. George C. Marshall, Army chief of staff, and Admiral Ernest J. King, commander-in-chief of the fleet.

## Limited Service Soldiers Study Judo on Own Time

CAMP ROBERTS, Calif.—Anxious to be instructed thoroughly in the art of close combat fighting, limited service men in the 80th Infantry Training Battalion at Camp Roberts requested and received permission from their commanding officer to hold night classes each week. These classes are being held on the soldier's own time and are being given by David D. Piering.

All of the men have physical limitations but their enthusiasm to learn the art of "dirty fighting" as well as to be qualified riflemen have en-

abled them to equal the efforts of general service men.

The men call themselves "Commandos". Their training includes Judo, jujitsu and American wrestling.

## On Eden Visit Marshall's Pal Supplies Turkey

FORT BENNING, GA.—Chief of Staff Gen. George C. Marshall has a favorite hunting companion in Thomas Tweed, now Fort Benning game warden.

The general and Sergeant Tweed have hunted together since 1926 whenever possible and Marshall never fails to ask for Tweed when he visits Fort Benning.

As General Marshall prepared to board a plane after visiting here with British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, Sergeant Tweed was on hand to present a wild turkey he had accidentally shot on the reservation.

While all dignitaries waited, General Marshall introduced Tweed to Eden and told of his hunting prowess.

Eden probably ate wild turkey last week.

## WAACs Entertain Entertainers

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—"A unique experience" aptly describes the reaction of both WAACs and actresses as the 48th WAAC Post Headquarters Company entertained on Sunday for the feminine members of the cast of "Junior Miss," USO-Camp Shows production playing a three-performance engagement at the theaters on the post.

This was the first time that the WAACs had entertained guests in their mess hall and the first time that the actresses had ever visited WAAC quarters.

Ham, with "all the trimmings" graced the regulation GI plates as

the group dined in true military style in the WAAC mess hall.

Highlight of the stage performers' visit was the informal inspection of the three barracks in which the WAACs live. Exhibitions of the proper way to arrange foot and wall lockers, line up shoes, hang clothes, and make beds were given by the women in khaki. The complete WAAC wardrobe was viewed hanging on the rod provided beneath the wall lockers.

Impromptu entertainment for the actresses resulted when the WAACs blended their voices in songs of the organization. The WAAC hostesses,

commanded by Lt. Todd, gave a close order drill demonstration in the day room. The cast reciprocated and presented a scene from "Junior Miss."

### Cannon Roars Early

CAMP KOHLER, Calif.—For the first time in history, the quiet University of California Agricultural College was awakened this week by the martial roar of a cannon.

No invasion this, but only the new greeting of the Western Signal Corps School. The salute is to be part of the daily regulation reveille and retreat ceremonies.



**RISING FLOOD** waters of the Ohio River may be causing a lot of damage and trouble—but not to the new quarter-ton amphibian truck which recently appeared among Armored Force units, including those at Fort Knox, Ky. Shown here driving (or is it sailing?) in the Ohio are soldiers of a reconnaissance unit of the Armored Force School Demonstration Regiment. The vehicle, nautical brother of the famous jeep, has been nicknamed the "seep."

—Signal Section Photo

## Potato Takes On Glamor As Field Problem Grenade

**CAMP BUTNER, N. C.**—A soldier is a "battle" casualty in the Second Battalion of the 311th Infantry if a piece of potato hits him during a field problem. Furthermore, it's likely to hurt if, for instance, he gets it on the seat of his GI herculean twill fatigue pants.

The potato particle is "shrapnel" from a special "potato grenade" which the Infantry battalion is using to teach its men to "hit the ground" and take cover for protection in battle.

The "potato grenade" has these ingredients: One potato (the bigger the better); one giant firecracker, with which Junior used to terrorize the town on the Fourth of July; one large piece of adhesive tape to hold the "cannon" cracker in a hole which is cut in the end of the potato, and to make the detonation as effective

as possible.

Sgt. Stephen Mayerski, of Cleveland, Ohio, with members of the battalion headquarters staff, made and fired some of the grenades this week.

Some of them were "duds" because they had been in the potatoes too long. Freshly made grenades, however, worked well. A light from a cigarette is enough to touch off the fuse. Reminiscent of his boyhood days on the Fourth—and of his basic training days, Sergeant Mayerski assumed a perfect standing position for hurling a grenade and lobbed the potato high into the air.

On its downward arc, about 45 feet from the ground a tremendous blast was heard, accompanied by a burst of flame, and particles of the grenade flew in every direction. Five seconds after the detonation a piece

fell at the feet of the sergeant.

The potato may be thrown about 40 yards. It has a 30-yard exploding range. A grenade fired in front of the battalion headquarters recently spattered potato particles on the mess hall.

A quarter-pound nitro-starch grenade is also used. In recent "war games" of the 311th Infantry it exploded in a creek on the grounds and blew up a 50-foot geyser.

Battalion officials explained that the purpose of the grenade is to accustom men to battle sounds and to produce combat conditions as nearly as possible, since combat commanders in the African theatres of war have observed that casualties are resulting because troops have not learned thoroughly the necessity for protective cover and staying close to the ground.

## Sergeant Honored for Conduct

**CAMP STEWART, Ga.**—How the conduct and attitude of one soldier on furlough can reflect credit on his unit and its commander was celebrated here when S/Sgt. David Klein reviewed the troops with Col. William V. Ochs, post commander, and other officers, during a parade held in his honor.

Sergeant Klein, it appears, had recently been on furlough at his home at Bloomfield, N. J., and had so carried himself that he won the admiration of the people there. This was noted in a letter from Mrs. W. J. Dunnigan, who is a war worker and mother of a midshipman at the Annapolis Naval Academy, to the post commander. The letter was read to climax the review.

"I know a good soldier when I see one," wrote Mrs. Dunnigan, "and can appreciate the fact that a soldier on furlough can really do his commander credit. I was seen talking to him and since have been pleased with questions as to where he is located, who is the commander and how

could one be assigned to that outfit. I am sure even I could recruit for the Army if you could tell me how I could promise each recruit admission to Camp Stewart."

Colonel Ochs, in reading the letter to the troops, commented: "I hope this letter will be an inspiration to

every man in the Service Command. I hope all of you will emulate Sergeant Klein while you are on furlough and instigate such letters as this. Remember you are from Camp Stewart and remember the spirit of Camp Stewart. I hope to receive many more similar letters."

## New Song Leader's Guide To Help Army Singing

The Music Section of the Special Service Division follows the Hit Kit of popular songs with a new "Pocket Guide for the U. S. Army Song Leader."

The idea is rapidly growing that a singing Army is a happier Army and commanding officers are beginning to realize that singing under adequate leadership helps the spirit of teamwork among their men.

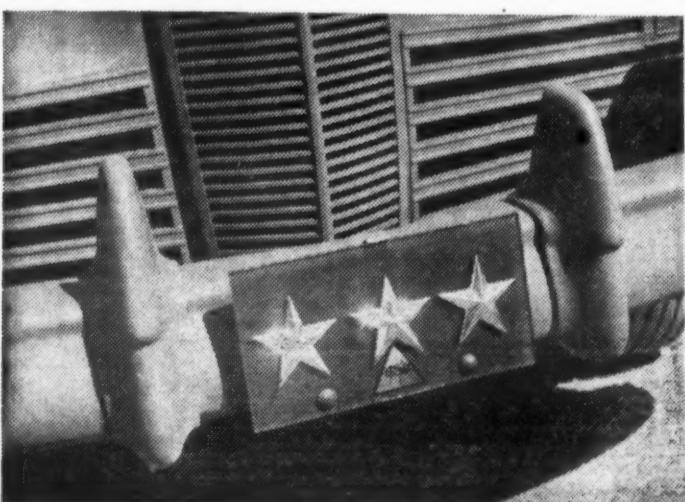
While an analysis shows that about

80 per cent of the men like to sing it is a fact that large groups of men rarely sing spontaneously, unless some leadership is provided. Hence soldier song leaders are sought for and given every encouragement.

The new "Guide" aims to assist such leaders. It covers such themes as "What It Takes to be an Army Song Leader," "The Technique of Formal Song Leading," "Types of Songs and When to Use Them," "How to be a Good Conductor," "Suggested Songs."

Music directors in the field will distribute copies of the Guide to all soldiers being trained as song leaders.

The music directors themselves have received suggestions for the development of song leaders in another publication, "Training the Army Song Leader—a Hand Book for Music Directors."



**SUGGESTION** for future license plates is this glass insignia plate conceived for the chief of armored force, Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers' car, by 1st Lt. Wallace Talbott, Headquarters Company Armored Force. Of unique design, it is constructed out of laminated plate glass, and not only saves precious metal, but also has a jewel-like beauty combined with great strength to resist the roughest treatment.

CAMP CROWDER, Mo.—Three soldiers and two young women worked fast to save the Central Signal Corps School chapel here from fire started by lightning on a stormy night.

The lightning hit the steeple of the frame building while Cpl. John J. Kitner, T/S Erwin M. Anderson and T/S Robert E. Green, all of Company F of the 800th Signal Training Regiment, and Mrs. Kay Day and Mrs. Helen Yost, of Webb City, Mo., civilian employees of the school, were inside.

The back wall of the balcony caught fire. Kitner gave the alarm. Anderson and Mrs. Day ran for help.

## GI Hospital Plants Victory Garden

### Stark Moves to Forestall Possible Shortage of Vegetables, Eggs

**CHARLESTON, S. C.**—A victory garden, CI style, is being grown at the Army's Stark General Hospital here.

Started in January of this year, the garden has grown from a five acre plot into a small sized farm. Two acres of spinach, a quarter of an acre of garden peas, two acres of green beans, four acres of sweet corn and 35,000 heads of cabbage have already been planted. A poultry farm with an initial population of 1200 chickens has begun. Soon 4,000 tomato plants, 300 pepper plants, 500 egg plants, one and one half acres of watermelon and a half acre of cantaloupe will be added to the garden.

The go-ahead sign on the garden was given by Col. W. Vaughan, commanding officer, when he foresaw

that there was likely to be a shortage of certain foodstuffs in the local area. Later he ordered the chicken farm started when he saw that a shortage of eggs might arise.

When the garden first started, several of the citizens from the Charleston area gave aid with machinery, seeds, fertilizer and advice on the numerous problems that are always present in a new venture. The soil, for example, contained too much acid and so it was necessary to treat it with chemicals and fertilizers.

The handling of the details and the direction of the work has been taken over by the non-commissioned officers of Stark's guard force. They work on the garden themselves in addition to carrying out their other duties and they direct the labor of those men who have been restricted or given extra-work as a disciplinary measure.

In the future it is expected that convalescing patients will be given an opportunity to work on the garden as a recreational measure. It is felt that in this way diversion as well as healthful fresh air, sunshine, and mild exercise can be provided recuperating soldiers.

## WAACs Visit First in Mexico

**FORT BLISS, Tex.**—Believed to be the first WAACs to set foot on Mexican soil as an official unit, the women of the camp made a visit to Juarez. They were received by Gen. Sebastian Barrigüete, commander of the Juarez garrison and other officers.

The WAACs were taken on a bus tour of Juarez, and in a half hour liberty invaded the curio shops.

On the trip back to Fort Bliss they were taken via the Scenic Drive, to get the first bird's eye view of El Paso Del Norte.

## Army Equipment For Baby Visitors

**CAMP PICKETT, Va.**—Special Services Officer Maj. John T. Kibler opened his eyes when he looked at a new order.

"Regulation 12 baby bassinets for camp purposes. Equipment necessary to the military service."

Major Kibler placed the order and learned later that the bassinets were wanted for the camp guest house where soldiers' wives and their babies are looked after during their visits to the camp.

## Lesson Taught Him For Loose Talking

**CAMP SWIFT, Tex.**—One soldier who talked too much is learning his lesson—in the hard way. He is serving a three months' sentence in the Post stockade and also is losing \$10 per month from his pay while he is there.

He was tried by Special Court Martial on the charge of violating Army Regulations by wrongfully making public the details of a movement.

## Training Made Tougher To Meet New Demands

**CAMP ROBERTS, Calif.**—It's going to be tough on the men from now on, since an order by Gen. Eugene W. Fales, Infantry Replacement Training Center commander, calls for an increase in the length and rate of marches and the carrying of machine guns.

"In spite of the motorization and stepping up the pace of war, greater physical demands are made upon the individual soldier," General Fales says, in announcing the more rigorous training policy for soldiers undergoing basic training.

## Thirty Years' Service Honored in Review

**FORT RILEY, Kans.**—Sgt. Martin Feld, who has completed 30 years Infantry service, was honored in a review of the 52nd Armored Infantry Regiment.

Sergeant Feld enlisted with 7th Infantry on the Mexican Border in 1913, and served subsequently the Philippines and in China. In the first World War he served Siberia, later in Hawaii. He was the Mexican Border, World War II Good Conduct ribbons.

# Many New Words Born Under War's Stress

Americans may be talking a new kind of language before this war is over as battle terms and names of new equipment, as well as foreign phrases, are added to our vocabularies. In "Webster's New Handy Dictionary," just issued, there are dozens of words, now on everyone's tongue, which have been brought into existence by the events of the past few years or months. For instance, here with their definitions are some of the most used war words in the dictionary:

ack, ack, antiaircraft guns or gunfire.

air lock, a gas-tight compartment excluding war gas from an air-raid shelter.

airmada, a powerful offensive air-force.

alarm, an alarm warning of approach of hostile planes.

all clear, signal of retirement of hostile planes.

alligator, a tractor propelled amphibian tank used as an invasion barge.

asdic, submarine detector and locator.

axis, an alliance between two or more major powers.

bantam car, a small U. S. Army vehicle with 45-horsepower motor and four-wheel drive.

black-out, an extinguishing of all lights as a protective measure against an air raid.

blitzkrieg, lightninglike offensive by massed air forces, tanks, mobile artillery, and mechanized infantry in close coordination.

blockbuster, a four-ton demolition bomb.

bombsight, a gyroscopic device for aiming bombs from high altitudes.

booby trap, a deceptive explosive device left in way of an enemy.

Bratling, a German synthetic military ration.

Bren gun, a light gas-operated machine gun using .303 ammunition.

brolly, a parachute.

combat car, in U. S. Cavalry, the name for a tank.

commando, a unit of specially-trained and heavily armed shock troops for raiding expeditions.

corvette, lightly armored vessel, smaller than a destroyer, equipped for antisubmarine service.

de-icer, tubular air cell that inflates and deflates to prevent ice formation on airplane wings.

dogfight, a fight involving several planes at close quarters.

flak, German antiaircraft gun and gunfire.

flying fortress, a trade mark for an American type of huge four-engined long-range bombing plane.

fox-hole, a shallow, individual trench.

half-track, equipped with wheels forward and caterpillar tracks in the rear.

jeep, a multipurpose combat vehicle of U. S. Army with 60-horsepower motor and crew of three.

mosquito boat, a high-speed motor boat equipped with antiaircraft guns and torpedoes.

Panzer, a fast-moving armored unit including tanks, armored cars, and motorized shock troops.

quisling, a traitor.

rip cord, cord pulled to open a parachute in descent.

saboteur, one guilty of destructive

acts at home to aid the enemies of his country.

Skua, a British type of dive bomber.

sky truck, a large transport plane.

slit trench, a narrow V-shaped trench.

Spitfire, a British single-seated fighter plane.

Sten gun, a British light automatic rifle.

Stuka, the German dive bomber, marked by backswept wings.

task force, a combat unit made up from different services and equipped for a specific mission.

tin fish, a torpedo.

umbrella, a force of defending fighter planes.

V-mail, miniature photographic negative.

walkie talkie, a portable two-way voice radio.

Zero, a fighter plane of the Japanese navy.



NOT YET a Woman Ordnance Worker, but definitely a WOW is Paulette Goddard, who (our spies tell us) greets every soldier with a lush "Oh, you great big man, you. I just CAN'T resist a uniform."

## Nazi Gun Improved With Second Trigger

FORT SMITH, Ark.—Improvement and was asked to attempt to make changes which would allow it to be fired semi-automatic. He was able to find seven different methods of doing this, but finally devised a two-trigger device, in place of the conventional fire-control lever and one-trigger. Tests proved his device to be successful.

The German gun fires Luger ammunition, of approximately .38 cal., weighs only 6½ pounds and uses a triple-X magazine.

The modifications which were designed for this gun are adaptable to the American Thompson sub-machine gun and will provide for 50 per cent fewer parts in its mechanism.

ACCORDING to Josephus at the fall of Jerusalem in 70 A.D., 1,100,000 Jews were killed and 97,000 made Roman prisoners.

## AGF: The Week's News of the Army Ground Forces Straight from Headquarters in Washington

HEADQUARTERS, AGF—Promotion of Capt. Theodore R. Pitts to the rank of major was announced by General McNair this week. Major Pitts is assigned to the Ground Adjutant General's Section.

Close collaboration will be maintained between the War Department Manpower Board and all agencies of the Army Ground Forces, according to a memorandum issued by General McNair this week. All AGF units will extend every possible assistance and cooperation to the board, the memorandum stated.

SECOND ARMY—Sgt. Michael Shipitz, attached to an engineer regiment, has been awarded a Soldier's Medal by Lt. Gen. Ben Lear, commander of the Second Army. The medal was awarded for heroism displayed when Sergeant Shipitz rescued a soldier from drowning in the Choctawhatchee River near Camp Rucker, Ala., Jan. 27, 1943.

A citation accompanying the medal said that Sergeant Shipitz "seeing a soldier release his grip on a life line,

without immediate assistance and without regard for his own personal safety, and fully clothed, jumped into the swift stream swollen by heavy rains and about 20 feet deep and succeeded in bringing the soldier to an anchored lifeboat, thereby saving his life."

ARMORED FORCE—A 25-mile road march in eight hours, which will in the future be part of all basic training cycles at the Armored Force Replacement Training Center, was completed last week by 200 soldiers of the 16th Battalion. The troops were reviewed by Maj. Gen. Charles L. Scott, center commander, upon their return.

Lt. Col. Verne C. Fryklund, organizer and director of the teacher training department of the Armored Force School, has been assigned to a position in Washington with the Army Service Forces. He was formerly associate professor of industrial education at the University of Minnesota.

The most recent class to graduate from the Armored Force Officer Candidate School at Fort Knox, Ky.,

was named for Lt. Gen. George S. Patton Jr., who is commanding the American drive in Tunisia.

Among the soldiers training with the 13th Armored Division at Camp Beale, Calif., is Pfc. Samuel R. Dively, who won several medals for heroism during the Japanese bombing of the U. S. gunboat Panay in 1937. Dively downed one of the Jap planes and also carried many wounded comrades back to first aid stations under fire.

THIRD ARMY—Toughened paratroopers dropped from transport planes flown by troop carrier pilots took part in the large-scale maneuvers of the Third Army somewhere in Louisiana during the past week. Brig. Gen. Eldridge G. Chapman, commanding general of the Airborne Command and Brig. Gen. G. Howell of the Parachute School were present in the maneuver area to observe the performance of the airborne soldiers. The sky troopers were led by Col. George V. Millett and joined the Blue and Red forces commanded by Maj. Gens. Roscoe B. Woodruff and Henry Terrell Jr., respectively.

## Lightning Hits In March Cadence

Surprise Sprung by Trainees in Parade at Butner

CAMP BUTNER, N. C.—A new marching cadence sounded through the 78th "Lightning" Division Artillery today like a college victory chant since its surprise introduction at the competitive parade of newly assigned trainees in the 309th Field Artillery Battalion.

Lightning! Lightning!

Once! Twice!

Lightning strikes twice!

Battery A, which won the competition, was the innovator. Marching in its turn before Brig. Gen. A. Franklin Kibler, division artillery commander; Col. Frank Camm, division artillery executive officer; Lt. Col. A. E. Hatch, battalion commander; Maj. K. D. Russell, battalion executive officer, and Capt. F. W. Lamirand, battalion plans and training officer, the battery shouted in unison.

Officers of other batteries, who stood on the sidelines, cocked their ears to catch the words as the marching battery repeated it again and again—at its own command, led by Sgt. Joseph Ragni. Colonel Hatch and the reviewing party, equally surprised, broke into broad grins.

"Where'd they practice that—out in the woods at night?" asked one

slabbergasted lieutenant. Lt. William E. Collier, battery commander, proudly explained his men practiced it in their barracks.

The chant derives from the history of the 76th "Lightning" Division which struck hard during World War I and which is determined to strike hard again.

The Service Battery, executing a neat "to the rear" movement in which half the battery marched through the ranks of the other half, took second prize. One misstep on the part of any soldier would have caused a collision. Battery C was third.

Each battery marched up to the reviewing stand while its sergeant reported to the battalion commander. After that they executed column, flank and squad movements, and counted their own cadence. Following the parade a battery of non-commissioned officers with carbines commanded by Lt. Joseph S. Kimmitt, gave a marching exhibition, including the picturesque "to the winds" movement. In this each of the four squads marches in a different direction and, at the lieutenant's command, somehow gets back into perfect formation.

## Number of Educational Films Now Available

Educational films relating to the U. S. Armed Forces Institute courses are included in the 500 films now available to the field thru the newly announced Armed Forces Institute Film Service.

Among the aeronautics are: AERODYNAMICS: Clouds, Flood Weather, Story of a Disturbance, Weather. CONSTRUCTION: Airscrew, Building a Bomber, Cannons on Wings, Curtiss-Wright Builds For Air Supremacy, How To Rivet Aluminum, Introduction to Airplane Riveting, and Look to Lockheed For Leadership.

THEORY: Aerodynamics—Air Resistance and Stream-Lining, Aerodynamics—Lift, Aerodynamics (Problems of Flight), Aerodynamics—Properties of Air, Aerodynamics (Theory of Flight), Airplane Changes Our World Map, Fighter Pilot, History of Aviation, Sailplane, Wings For Victory and Winning Your

### Wings.

Among the engineering films are: ELECTRICAL: The Electrician, Electronics on Parade, Excursions in Science (five films), Microphone, When You Can Measure, and World's Largest Electrical Workshop.

MECHANICAL: Aviation Engine, Bridging San Francisco Bay, Building of Boulder Dam, Conquest of the Hudson, Diesel-The Modern Power, Horsepower, Lubrication, Lubrication of the Gasoline Engine, Manufactured Abrasives, Norris Dam Construction, Power Within—Construction, Operation, and Care of the Internal-Combustion Engine, and Where Mileage Begins.

Complete 1943 Film Catalog, Armed Forces Edition, may be secured, with full details of the Film Service, by writing: Armed Forces Institute Film Service, Room 1611, RCA Building, 1250 Sixth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

## Retreat Ceremony Honors Commander's Anniversary

CAMP PICKETT, Va.—A special retreat ceremony in front of post headquarters celebrated the completion of the first year of Col. D. John Markey as commander of the post.

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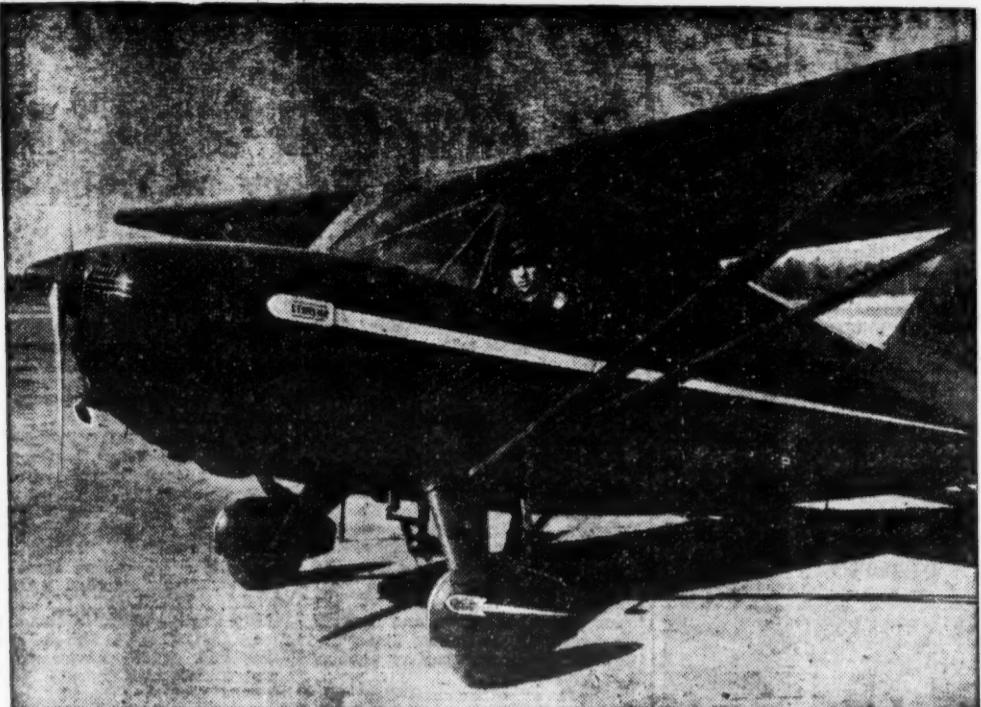
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continually amazed at the swift passage of events. "So much has happened during the past year," he said, "that it is difficult to appreciate just how much has been accomplished."

He declared further, that most of the credit for the progress of the post should go to officers, enlisted men and civilian employees who have been and are still connected with the post.

Colonel Markey states that he is

the post.



"AIR FORCE" of the Infantry Replacement Training Center, Fort McClellan, Ala., is Maj. Sidney Pollock. It's his own plane and he uses it daily to simulate dive-bombing attacks on marching columns. The major uses sacks of flour as bombs.

—Signal Corps Photo

### Using Their Heads

## Chris Is Camp Nurses' Idol

CARLISLE BARRACKS, Pa.—Chris, the famous hair-dresser from exclusive European and American shops, where such public figures as the Duchess of Windsor, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and movie stars, have had their hair-do fashioned, is the idol of nurses and other ladies at Carlisle Barracks.

His real name is not Chris, but John C. Baum, a native of Germany, but now an American citizen and a private in the U. S. Army. A hair stylist for 20 years, Baum temporarily gave up his life's work five months ago to enter the service. He fractured his ankle a month ago while out on a night problem in a Maryland camp and was sent to the Carlisle Barracks Hospital for treatment.

His hair-dressing ability soon was found out and Chris became the main attraction of Army nurses and other ladies of the post as they besieged him to fingerwave their hair and make it soft and beautiful as only Chris can do it.

Baum came to this country 15 years ago and has been a citizen for six years. He worked in the exclusive Antoine shops in Europe and in this country for a score of years where such public figures as the Duchess of Windsor, Mrs. Roosevelt, Marlene Dietrich, Merle Oberon, Sarah Churchill and Gertrude Lawrence, have gone to have their locks fashioned. Baum knows them all and takes pride in talking about them.

Alone in this country, Baum is proud to be an American but worries about his family, still believed to be in Germany, although he has

not heard from them in a long time. He has a brother in the German Army.

He left France in 1939 on the last ship to sail from Le Havre and was forced to cross the ocean in the swimming pool of the boat along

with film star Robert Montgomery and other refugees.

With the advent of beauty shops in camps for WAACs and Waves, Private Baum hopes he can be assigned to a job where he can give his best hair styling.

### At the Front

## Reporter Says Medics Are Tops

CAMP BARKELEY, Tex.—That the medical units have done a better job than any other department of the Army under fire is the estimate of Frank Hewlett, youthful veteran war correspondent of United Press, who has seen action since the first day of the war in Manila, through Bataan, Corregidor and the New Guinea campaign.

During the Buna campaign the hospitals were often bombed and portable hospitals were often only a few hundred yards from the front lines," Hewlett wrote Cpl. Jack O'Meara, of the Medical Replacement Training Center public relations staff here, from Australia where he is now convalescing from malaria contracted in the New Guinea jungles. "Doctors and medical soldiers often worked the clock around, and thanks to their efforts, coupled with blood plasma and the sulfa drugs, many lives and limbs were saved.

That medical personnel takes the same risks of combat troops was confirmed by Hewlett, who wrote that when a Japanese sniper got in a tree near a portable hospital "medics were hiding behind cots as they fired away and finally brought down Mr. Moto."

As an indication of the make-shift conditions confronting the medical men of the Army, Hewlett's letter continued, "with patients on stretchers in the open, doctors often performed tough operations with their instruments sterilized by a pot of water boiling over a wood fire.

"I worked up a yarn about a doctor who performed an amputation and the soldier failed to snap out of it after getting generous amount of blood plasma, so the doctor, after looking at the lad's dog tags and discovering the soldier had the same type blood as his own, gave him a direct transfusion with his own blood and saved the kid's life."

Although under fire almost continuously since the Japanese bombed the open city of Manila, Hewlett escaped bullets, shells and bombs during the Bataan campaign, on Corregidor and on three trips to the

New Guinea front only to become a victim of disease. First it was tropical ulcers with complications, and then malaria.

Of his personal experience with Army hospitals, doctors and nurses, he commented: "This is the first time I have ever been in a hospital,

but if all are like this one, I have been missing something good. The food is wonderful and the nurses all look like angels in their white uniforms. The doctors who have treated me were both big shots in civilian life and more than know their stuff."

## Air Rifle Perfected For Training Uses

CAMP BRECKINRIDGE, Ky.—Maj. H. E. Mikkelsen, chief of the Ordnance Department of the 98th Division, now stationed here, invented and patented a compressed air gun attachment for training purposes while acting as an instructor in the field Artillery School at the United States Military Academy at West Point.

The model of this new gun has proven exceedingly accurate, and the additional patents have eliminated, entirely, the early faults. Its probable error corresponds to less than that of the full scale 75 millimeter gun. Using a gunner and one man to load and fire, the air gun has a rate of fire of more than 3 rounds per minute, making it ideal for direct laying. A surprisingly large number of hits have been made on a miniature tank traveling at a scale speed of 50 miles per hour. At the present time, these guns are in use at West Point, and soon will be employed at other artillery schools.

About a year ago the first compressed air attachment was made. However, the results fell short of the requirements needed, even though the performance was superior to the 22 caliber ammunition then being used. One of the main troubles was that the last gun to be fired during a "battery left" usually fired shorter than the first gun. This showed that the three-fourth inch feeder pipe used could not refill the guns quickly enough with the required volume of air at the proper pressure. Replacing the

three-fourth inch pipe with a two inch pipe eliminated this "starving" of the last gun and further reduced the dispersion of volleys and salvos.

Leaky quick opening valves were another source of trouble, but further treating brought to light a remedy in the Lunkenheimer leak-proof valve.

Mr. H. C. Schuman, a civil engineer, formerly employed in the concrete testing laboratory at West Point, heard of the experiments and designed a trigger mechanism utilizing this leak-proof valve. The only effort now necessary to fire the gun is to put in a ball and push a small button; compressed air doing the rest.

The accuracy and performance of this gun by the use of compressed air is what General Bishop hoped for when he designed the first field artillery trainer gun more than a decade ago.

The operation of this gun is simple. An air hose brings the air under pressure from a compressor through a regulating valve, which delivers a constant pressure to a small tank on the gun. When the button, or lever, is pushed a quick release valve allows the compressed air stored in the tank to propel a ball out of the gun tube. It then springs back, immediately, making the attachment ready to fire the next round.

The United States Army in France at the end of the last war had 21 tanks, supplied chiefly by France and England; in this war almost that many have been shipped on a single transport.

During the first 12 months of the last war, the American railways handled 2,734,527 troops, including inductees; in the same period of the present war they handled 11,641,527 troops, or more than four times as many.

## Demonstrator Was Only Gas Casualty

CAMP POLK, La.—There's a chemical warfare sergeant in the 11th Armored Division who got a dose of his own "gas" medicine.

Out of the 275 officers and men who participated in a recent gas demonstration, T/Sgt. Sidney L. Shenker was the only casualty, receiving slight burns below the right knee.

Lt. Col. Alfred G. Karger, the division's chemical warfare officer, is

a little perplexed that his own sergeant should have come out second best in a test that was otherwise letter-perfect in its timing and staging.

It was the sergeant who contaminated the mustard gas field for the recent exercises. This course was given to all unit gas officers and non-commissioned officers as a preparatory instruction in future gas decontaminations for their various companies.

## Army Officer Was 'Admiral'

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.—An Army officer who was admiral in charge of a real fleet, although he had no naval experience, Maj. Frank J. Bane has just returned here after a long ocean voyage from a Southern shipyard to a distant fortified post, advisedly not named.

It was an Army Air Forces fleet, at that, made up of crash-boats,

which are used as trouble-shooters to pick up flyers forced down at sea. Only 100 feet long and not designed for heavy-duty service in open sea, the small craft bobbed round a bit. "We tossed round like peanut shells, part of the time," was Major Bane's description. "A few heavy waves put water right over the bows." However, not one

boat was lost, though there wasn't a Navy man in the whole fleet.

Numerous ports were visited in the course of the trip, for taking on supplies, and also for safety when rough weather appeared dangerous for the small craft. And apparently the American soldier-sailors were hospitably received everywhere.

## CYCLONE MOSE



By Cpl. Grover Page, Jr.,  
Camp Livingston, La.

## Randy Allen

## The Army Quiz

1. Although approximately 6 per cent of the nation is serving in the armed forces, about — per cent of the nation's doctors are in the uniform, according to OWI.

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2. If he's an old Army man, he'll boast, "I belong to —".

A-The Army of the U. S.

B-The U. S. Army.

3. Airplane propellers are—

A-Never painted

B-Always painted with a brush

C-Always painted with a spray gun

4. A "Chicago piano" in the Navy is a vessel that carries—

A-A 16-inch gun

B-An electric piano

C-An anti-aircraft gun

D-A band

5. Gen. Daniel Butterfield is famous for—

A-Inventor of the modern tank

B-Commander of the British forces at Dunkirk

C-Composer of "Taps"

D-The first U. S. Chief of Staff

6. Army mascot is a mule; Navy's, a goat. What is the Marine's mascot?

A-Bulldog

B-Mermaid

C-Bull

D-Shark

7. If you say a man is "flying by the seat of his pants," you mean—

A-He is navigating a plane by instinct

B-He is an armchair general in the Air Corps

C-He is in a rage

8. In what year did the Russo-German war start?

1859 1940 1941

9. It is improper to wash the American flag.

True False

10. What does it cost the government per year to train a soldier?

A-Between \$200 and \$300

B-Between \$500 and \$750

C-Between \$1500 and \$2000

D-Between \$2500 and \$4000

(Answers on Page 16)

## Blackie Loses

FORT SILL, Okla.—"Private Blackie" returned to duty today with the 695th Field Artillery Battalion—his leg in a splint.

The battalion dog got into a fight while AWOL, the first time he'd missed roll call in 26 months of service.

Promotion proceedings to make him a sergeant had been started when he left. They were dropped immediately—particularly since "Private Blackie" lost the fight.

ONE U. S. Army Air route stretches over 17,000 miles.



By Sgt. A. J. Abruzzo,  
Armored Force, Fort Knox, Ky.

## Sergeant Invents 'So Sorry' Slips Take Mail's Place

CAMP CARSON, Colo.—Officers of the 638th Coast Artillery anti-aircraft battalion stationed at Camp Carson often go without mail, but it is seldom that their mail boxes are empty. Sgt. John Ball, the message center chief who delivers the officers' mail sees to that. The sympathetic sergeant has conceived the "So Sorry Slip."

Beset by the laments of the commissioned corps of his battalion, which is attached to the 89th Infantry Division, at Camp Carson, Sergeant Ball contrived to relieve the woes of those who did not receive mail and, incidentally bring an end to: "What's the matter, sergeant, don't you like me? No mail for me today? A fine mailman you are!"

So the "So Sorry Slip" was originated and now the unfortunate officer who has been forgotten by his correspondents at least discovers something in his mail box—a slip of paper which reads:

"To the Poor Forgotten Man:

"It is with my most heartfelt regret that I must give you this letter which, I hope will afford you some consolation as you try to paddle your little canoe through the rough unsympathetic seas of torn human emotion due to your not receiving your so desired bit of news from the cruel, cruel outside world."

"You may rest assured that I now go to prepare a grief-bed in order

to console your memory—in other words—

NO MAIL TODAY

Signed, Sympathetic Mail Clerk."

Sergeant Ball admits he still receives the moans, groans, and gripes from the officer personnel to whom he cannot give mail, "but," he says, "at least they can't say I'm not trying."

## Now Write Your Name 50 Times

FORT MOULTRIE, S. C.—Lessons of the little red schoolhouse helped solve a problem not covered by Army regulations at Fort Moultrie.

First Sgt. Walter M. Brown, top-kick of the 263rd Coast Artillery regimental headquarters battery, was annoyed when Pfc. Edward Cantanzaretti twice signed the payroll wrong. He seated the soldier at a desk, gave him a pencil and a piece of paper and barked:

"Now write your name 50 times."

The soldier did, adding one more for good measure. He was led back to the payroll book and this time, as Sergeant Brown signed with relief, scrawled his name correctly.

GROUPS of technical Army experts are now being flown to combat zones for study. They resume research within a week.

## Aussie



"Hey, Aussie! What do you think this is—a nap sack?"



# Japs Aren't So Hot After All; Have Nothing Worth Copying

An enormous revision of opinion has taken place, among military and naval men, during the last few months as to both the fighting qualities and equipment of the Japanese.

It will be remembered that, following the Pearl Harbor attack and when the Japs overran the Philippines, the Dutch East Indies, Malaya and the South Sea Islands, there was a tendency to regard them as superior fighting men who were equipped in some ways better than the American forces. This followed a tendency to underrate them as a fighting force which would not take a great deal of trouble to dispose of. Japan has been regarded largely as an imitator, utilizing ideas and weapons which had been originated by other nations. Her success in the first few months led to the idea that she was, rather, a brilliant originator who had conceived not only new methods but also new weapons.

With the combat on both sea and land, and in the air during the past year it appears now to be clearly proven that in tactics, in fighting power, and also in infantry and artillery weapons, the Japs are inferior to our own troops and equipment.

#### None Worth Copying

This fact has been evidenced particularly from a study of Japanese equipment which has fallen into American hands, and of this it is asserted definitely by ordinance men that not one single weapon so far examined is in any way worth copying for use by the American Army.

The Jap rifle, for instance, much lighter than either the Springfield or new Garand, was said to have an advantageous feature, in that it wounded, rather than killed, and hence brought up the problem of taking care of the casualties. But one fact soon became revealed. That light, .25 rifle didn't 'stop' the Americans. They might be hit but they kept on fighting. And, in consequence the Jap powers have replaced it with an issue of a heavier .303 rifle, which is said to be very similar to the American Springfield, though in several features not so good.

#### Replacing Machine Guns

Quite the same thing happened with a Jap .25 machine-gun, which, beside being crudely developed, had neither the hitting power nor the range of the corresponding weapon. It is also being replaced.

The factor of imitation became revealed in the examination of two captured heavy machine guns. One was an imitation of the old French Hotchkiss. Another was almost a duplicate of the American Browning .50. But the Jap gun was made of inferior steel and hence would not stand up under heavy use.

The Japs have a grenade-thrower or light mortar which was first thought to be something new and superior, particularly when it was used in jungle-fighting, and was supposed to be fired from the knee. Again close examination reveals that this gun is inaccurate because of the lack of a tripod, limited rifling and lack of fins on the grenade. Also it will break any man's leg if shot from the knee.

#### Tanks Don't Stand Up

A great deal was written about the two-man light tanks which the Japs used in Malaya. These were said to be able to cross the rice fields because of their extra wide treads and light weight, but military authorities say they cannot stand up under American antitank gun attack. Again, more authentic news from Malaya indicates that they were not so successful in Malaya as first reported led us to believe.

It is said, again, that the Jap tanks so far seen in action are largely imitations of French 1920-25 designs, and have shown no new features.

Some of the early reports from the field reported the use by the Japs of a flashless powder, thought to be a new discovery, something munitions makers had been hunting for a long time. When captured enemy rifles were examined by American ordnance experts it was found that they were flashless, and hence were an asset in night fighting. The powder was, however, of a standard type. The "flashless" result came from the use of an extra long rifle barrel, with a low powder-charge. The explosive burned out before it reached the muzzle. However, the advantage of lack of flash was offset by the lack of range and hitting-power of the smaller charge.

#### Zero Easily Smashed

Everyone will remember the stories which came in the first days of the war of the superiority of the Jap Zero, which was first hailed by many as a new super fighting plane. The months of fighting under various conditions since then has proven definitely that it is inferior to the best American fighters. The Zero

is light, hence is a fast-climber and readily maneuverable. On the other hand, it is so frail that often one well-placed burst of machine gun fire blows it out of business. Our fighters may be somewhat less maneuverable, because of their additional weight. But they are so much more sturdy that, as has been proven over and over in the South Sea engagements, they can get home even if somewhat badly shot up.

There were the stories, again, about the Jap two-man subs, which it was thought might be effective if operated in numbers from mother-ships. These midget subs are heard of no more. Put simply, they proved an enormous flop.

#### Carriers Lacking

It became revealed, early in the

Pacific operations, that the Japs had many more air-craft carriers than the United States. It was known that they were small but this was at first considered an asset by some observers. After the experience of the past six months the opinion of naval authorities generally is that these carriers were too small for effective use, and also that they lacked sufficient antiaircraft protection.

The success of the Pearl Harbor raid and following operations in the Far East led to an acclaim of Jap tactical powers in some quarters. Again experience has shown that these successes came largely from long preparation, rather than from any tactical inspiration. Several serious mistakes, in meeting the al-

lied effort, subsequently, has shown that there is nothing of the master mind among the Tokyo commanders. Indeed there is strong evidence of strategical superiority in the operations which have led to the American successes in the past several months.

The Japs have shown themselves to be tough, experienced fighters, whose bravery is probably accounted for to some extent by their fatalistic attitude. There is no doubt that they do lack individual initiative. Again, their weapons, while they may be said to be largely imitations of what other nations have originated, are, with some exceptions, adequate.

It appears probable that they will not again be overrated as enemies. But, on the other hand, they must not in any sense be underrated.

# News Service

## Additional Posts Receive Daily Summar from Special Service

Additional camps were added to the week to the Army's own daily news service, telegraphed to posts all over the nation as well as overseas by the Special Service Division.

A 1000-word summary of news from the regular news sources AP, UP, INS and Transradio, written from the slant of the soldier, will be sent each day to a large majority of United States forces.

Here are the additions to the news service will be issued:

Chalmette Slip  
Clark, Fort  
Des Moines, Fort  
Dix, Fort  
Edward, Port  
Hamilton, Fort  
Hathaway, Camp  
New Orleans, Port  
of Embarkation  
Henry, Patrick,  
Camp  
Kilmer, Camp  
Lawton, Fort  
McDowell, Fort  
Murray, Camp  
New Orleans, Stag-  
ing Area  
Overseas Discharge  
and Replacement  
Depot, Staging  
Area No. 2  
Presidio of San  
Francisco  
Remount Road,  
Staging Area  
No. 1  
Shanks, Camp  
Slocum, Fort  
Standish, Myrtle  
Stoneman, Camp  
Sullivan's Island  
Staging Area No. 3  
Edmonton Airport  
of Embarkation  
Great Falls, Air  
Base  
Hamilton Field  
Fort Lawton Air-  
port of Embarka-  
tion  
Morrison Field  
Presque Isle Air-  
port of Embarka-  
tion  
Atlantic City BTO  
No. 7 AAFPTC  
Avon Park Bomb-  
ing Range  
Blythe IOAAFFTD  
Carlsbad Army Air  
Field  
Chico Army Flying  
School  
Deming Army Air  
Field  
Dos Palos 13  
Douglas AAFAFS  
Gardner AAFBFS  
Gardner Field  
Glendale 6  
AAFFTD  
Hemet 5 AAFFTD  
Hobbs Army Air  
Field  
Hondo Army Air  
Field AAF Navi-  
gation School  
King City 3  
AAFFTD  
Kingman AAF

## Army's Good Deed -Lends Supplies

Although the Army is turning huge stocks of meat over to civilians and releasing 12,000,000 cases of canned fruits and vegetables to the Food Distribution Administration for civilian consumption soldiers will probably not have their rations cut.

The meat stock, which is being used to relieve shortages in many regions, will be replaced as rapidly as improvements in shipments to given areas permit by live stock slaughterers.

This shortage solution was made possible by a Department of Agriculture order suspending for two weeks the requirement that a percentage of meat be set aside for direct consumption. More than 2,000,000 cases of the fruits and vegetables will be released by the FDA in the near future for civilian needs.

## Orange and Black Guidon Chosen

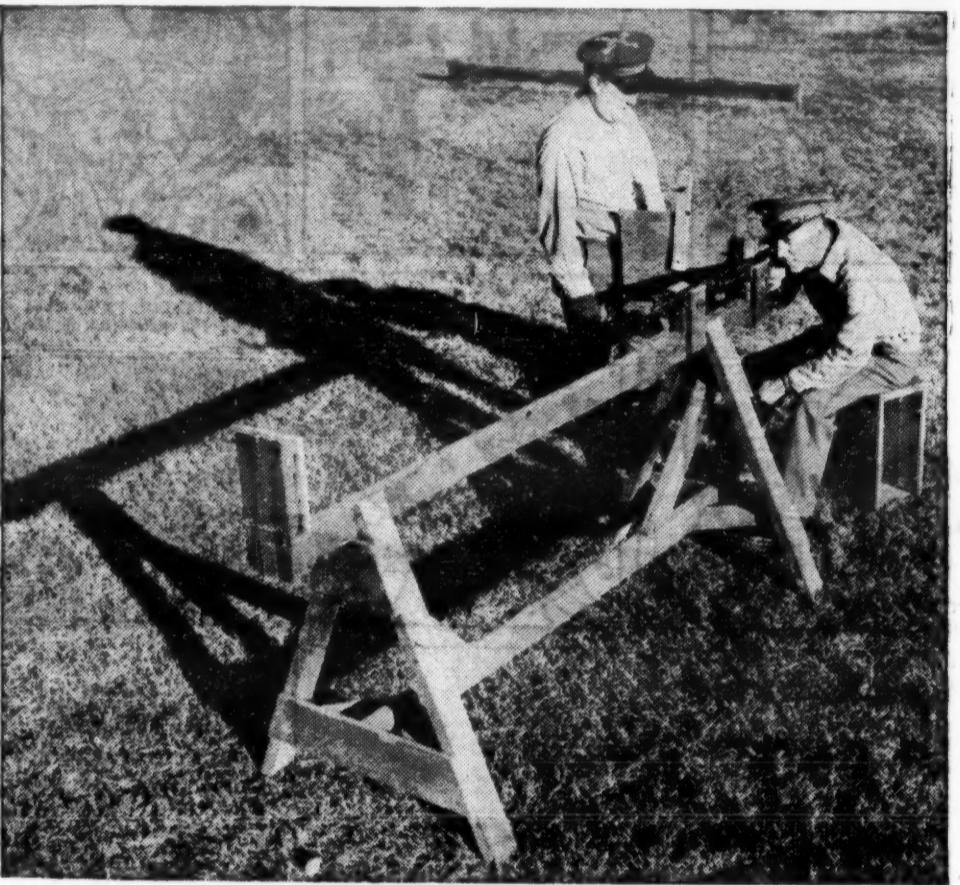
A golden orange 75-mm gun mounted on a motor carriage will be the official guidon of the Tank Destroyer Force according to an Army regulation issued by the War Department.

The number of the regiment of battalion will be placed above the insignia with the command designation beneath it. Numerals and letters will also be golden orange.

## Jap-American Volunteer Coming for Training

CAMP SHELBY, Miss.—Some 200 Japanese-American soldiers, all volunteers, will be received here for training shortly.

The group is on the way from Hawaii, and was given an enthusiastic send-off in Honolulu by what was probably the largest crowd in the city's history.



United Target Device Introduced at Fort Meade, Md.

## Improvement on Aiming Device Can be Built from Wood Scrap

FORT MEADE, Md.—Soldiers here are getting new ideas on aim by means of a simple device which it is said can be turned out by any company carpenter for about \$3.50.

The thing is done with a little scrap lumber, a few bolts and a 15-cent mirror.

Up to the present the regular equipment for sighting has been the usual sighting bar and triangulation gear.

The sighting bar shows the theory of correct sight alignment but does not give a really true picture of the sights of a rifle when

aligned on a target. The new Winter device, with its mirror, does just this.

It was introduced by Capt. Forest L. Wyman, post range officer, who was formerly director of competition for the National Rifle Association. But Captain Wyman gives credit for the idea to Col. John G. Winter (cavalry, retired).

The Winter Target consists of a long bar, at one end of which is a rifle nest and a recording board, and at the other end, a mirror. The rifle rest is arranged so that any stand-

ard rifle may be clamped into position, and pointed at the mirror. The recording board, close to the right hand of the student, is equipped with a yoke, on the front side of which may be attached a miniature target. The rear side has a small hole drilled through the wood through which dots may be marked with a pencil.

When the rifle is clamped in the rest, the rifle, the bar, the mirror and the recording board become as a single unit. If the rifle is moved, the whole works move.

When the Winter device is used as a sighting bar there is no artificiality. When the student looks through the sights into the mirror he sees a true picture of the rifle sights in the alignment. For the sights are actually the rifle sights.

No markers are necessary to set any disc for forming a triangle as is necessary in the old method of the wooden sighting bar. The student does all the work himself. And what is more, sees all his own errors in the mirror.

Demonstration of the new device has been so successful that it is being built by several units of the 76th Division. It is expected that some 300 of them will be in use shortly.

## Chain Letters Banned, Soldiers Are Warned

Chain letters are in violation of postal regulations, the 8th Service Command warned soldiers last week as the fad began to spring up at some camps.

Some military personnel have responded to the appeal of the latest type of chain letter in which the recipient is urged to purchase 25-cent war stamps. The letter convincingly claims to have the approval of the government.

## SPORTS CHAT



CAMP GRANT, Ill.—Taking six of eight bouts, Camp Grant's mitts defeated a team of boxers picked from various Chicago athletic clubs. The Warriors scored five knockouts, won one fight by decision and lost two decisions.

MARIANNA AIR FIELD, Fla.—Marianna's colored basketball team dropped a 21-20 decision to the Marianna High school for colored, even though Marianna held a 14 lead at halftime. After being blanked in the first half, the school boys came back to blank the Flyers and to score 21 points in the second half.

DE RIDDER ARMY AIR BASE, Fla.—Sharpshooting basketeers of the 11th Base Headquarters Squadron at DeRidder Army Air Base captured the championship in the Lake Charles Lions in a close 24-21 cage contest. The victory gave the air base team a season's record of 37 victories against only one defeat.

FORT MONMOUTH, N. J.—William Schwartz, former Long Island university basketball star, won the Fort Monmouth free throw contest by connecting 69 times out of a possible 75. Don Richmond, former infielder for the Philadelphia Athletics, was second with 68, and Mike Sewich, another LIU product, was third with 67.

NAPIER FIELD, Ala.—Teams in the AAF Southeast Training Center will usher in the 1943 baseball season April 4 when the Napier Field flyers oppose the Gunter Field nine. Last year both teams laid claims to the Training Center championship. The Flyers have a game scheduled with the Marianna Air Base, April 11.

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.—Peter Constantino of the Anti-Tank Company, 28th Infantry, is Fort Leonard Wood's first pool champ, shooting his way to the title over Robert Baxter, Co. B, 28th E. T. Battalion, 100 to 94, in a very close match.

CAMP STONEMAN, Calif.—Jim Bivins, one of the country's leading light heavyweight boxers, regarded by some as the light heavyweight champion, is scheduled to box an exhibition match with Cpl. Jim Bivins, his brother and Section instructor, at Camp Stoneman.

FORT DIX, N. J.—Wilkes S. Kivett, Flight "A" driver for the TFRP motor pool is one of the world's leading outboard racing men. He has been winner of the Silver Springs, Fla., National Outboard Obstacle Race. He established a new record in winning the race and since no races have been held since 1938 when he set the new mark, he is still national champion and record holder of the sport.

WILL ROGERS FIELD, Okla.—led by Cpl. Ed Sweiger, lanky center, the Will Rogers Field basketball team won the championship of the Oklahoma City YMCA basketball league with a 45-36 triumph over the King's Laundry quintet.

FORT DEVENS, Mass.—Lovel General Hospital defended successfully its Gold Medal basketball title when it defeated the Norton Abrasives of Worcester, 45-41, in the finals of the tournament. Capt. Donald Canterna, chosen the outstanding player of the tournament, led the victorious quintet with 19 points.

FORT SHERIDAN, Ill.—Pvt. Milt Padway, greatest pole vaulter in the history of the Western Conference track, vaulted recently at the Chicago Relays for the first time in almost a year. He barely missed 13 feet 6 inches. Padway's best is 14 feet 4 inches, which he started several times.

HONDO ARMY AIR FIELD, Tex.—The AAF Navigation School track team came through with first honors during the 11th Annual Border Olympics at Shirley Field, Laredo, Texas. Competing in the military division, the Hondo men amassed 23 points to lead the field.



YOU'VE HEARD of the opera, "The Masked Ball" . . . well this is "The Masked Ball Game," and it's being played at Cochran Field, Ga. All the players wear gas masks as a part of the training program at the basic flying school to accustom the personnel in wearing gas masks under all conditions.

## Cochran Beats Oglethorpe To Uphold Title Claim

COCHRAN ARMY AIR FIELD, Ga.—"Cochran Claims Georgia Court Title," was the headline of the story in ARMY TIMES on Feb. 20 that caused all the commotion.

Upon reading it, Lt. Thurston Anthony of Fort Oglethorpe rushed to the nearest telegraph office and sent the following wire: "Observe in ARMY TIMES Cochran Field claims basketball championship of Georgia. Fort Oglethorpe challenges your right to this claim. Have just won Chattanooga City League championship. Defeated New York Celtics by 19 points. Record for season 26 games won and one lost. Will be glad to play your team any day between March 22 and April 1."

The end of the story, for those who do not care to wade through the mass of correspondence, telegrams, and other challenges, is as follows: Cochran Field, two wins; Oglethorpe, one. Cochran the winner of the series.

However, Oglethorpe had a good basketball team, perhaps too good an advance agent and publicity man, for when the Flyers arrived in At-

lanta to play the series which had been scheduled for neutral ground and with the Red Cross as the recipient of the total gate, the newspapers carried the following tale, "Lt. Anthony has wired the owners of the arena where the game is to be played that the floor would be needed for but two nights, since they, Oglethorpe, would win two straight." If it was calculated to make the Cochran Field see red it almost accomplished its mission.

An over-anxious Cochran team blew an 18-7 lead, and when two reg-

ulars went out on fouls, lost the opener, 50-41. Cochran had not quite settled down when the second game rolled around, but with Lt. Billy Harmon in the lineup the Flyers came through in the final second on his one-hand shot from way out to win the game, 48-46. The game had been tied and won by Harmon in less than 15 seconds.

The rubber game was won by Cochran, 47-41 as the Flyers finally hit their stride. Breaking a 33-33 tie with 10 minutes to go they went on to win as they pleased.

## British 'Learn' U.S. Basketball

LONDON — Sixteen competing teams of the U. S. Army, Navy and Marine Corps took over Albert Hall in London for a three day basketball tournament and this is what the British press had to say about the game:

"Basketball is played on a 'pitch' 80 by 40 feet. A 'soccer' football is used. There are five men on each side. Numerous officials are involved in the game. Whistles are sounded for breaches in the rules; pistols are fired for the end of a period and trumpets sounded for resumption of play."

Perhaps the description is not so bewildering when it is learned that the same Albert Hall heard Yehudi Menuhin play the previous Sunday and was soon to hear an organ accompany a choral society in Handel's Messiah.

## This Bartender Is a Horse

FT. RILEY, Kans.—When anybody says "Bartender" to Pvt. Morton W. Smith, of Horsemanship Dept., here at the CRTC, his eyes light up, but not for the reason you might think.

Bartender is the horse with which

Smith won more championship titles at horse shows than you could shake a riding crop at, if you wanted to.

To name just a few of them, he took the top prizes in the annual shows at Madison Square Garden in New York for three years running, in 1937, 1938 and 1940. At the biggest indoor show in the country, held in the Garden, Bartender was judged the champion open jumper and reserve champion.

It didn't just happen, either. Smith, a tall, sturdy cavalryman, has devoted his life to breeding and showing thoroughbred horses throughout the eastern states. For the past 18 years, he has bred,

bought and sold thousands of dollars worth of horseflesh.

Out of his stables at Port Chester, N. Y., have come a string of money winners in horse events throughout the east. Portlight, champion jumper at the outdoor show at Piping Rock, L. I., in 1939 and reserve champ at the Garden the same year; Ace High, reserve green champ at the Garden in 1941; and Ballela, prize entry shown in several shows, and Guardsman, undefeated green champion hunter at the Devon horse show in 1939, and reserve grand champion.

"SWINGING the compass" is Army jargon for adjusting airplane compasses.

## Army Baseball Leagues Set Up in Great Britain

LONDON—May 15 has been set as the opening for what United States Army Headquarters calls "the greatest baseball season any country outside of the United States has ever known."

Capt. Stanley Bach, athletic officer of the European theatre of operations of the United States Army, has announced plans for organization of six service leagues in England and

one in Northern Ireland. The schedule calls for each to play 30 games on diamonds laid out on football fields.

Also announced was the formation of the London International Baseball League, with a membership of four American teams, three Canadian and one aircraft corporation nine. Each team will play at least one game weekly, with the "soldier world series" scheduled some time after Sept. 1.

Last year a crowd of 45,000 attended a game between two American teams in Hampden Stadium at Glasgow, which has a capacity of 150,000. Captain Bach said Glasgow officials told him an advance notice of six weeks would result in a crowd of 100,000 for future games.

Shelby Builds Bowling Alleys

CAMP SHELBY, Miss.—Bowling, once the game Camp Shelby's soldiers dreamed about while playing a round of pool, has become a reality for them.

Ten alleys were approved for purchase last week by Post Commander Brig. Gen. George M. Halloran and will be set up in a recreation building to be erected soon on the site of old Tent Theatre No. 2, now replaced by a permanent type movie house.

The recreation building will be ready for use within 60 days after work is started, post engineers stated. Sides and some of the flooring of the old theatre will be used in the job, plus much salvaged lumber to keep costs down.

In addition to the bowling alleys, other recreation facilities to be offered will be ping pong, shuffle board, and horse shoes.

## Archery Range

CAMP LIVINGSTON, La.—An archery range will be ready here within the next few days it was announced by Capt. John G. Rau, camp athletic officer.

At least four targets areas included on the range. Bows and arrows have been acquired and will be available free of charge for all personnel.

A lighting system will be installed, making the sport playable after sundown. Archery has been boosted as a valuable sport for training the eyes and steadying the nerves.

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## Plan Rodeo May 8, 9 At Roberts

CAMP ROBERTS, Calif.—Rodeo fans of California received welcome news this week with the announcement of the second annual all-soldier rodeo to be held on May 8 and 9 at this Camp Roberts.

Slightly less than one year from the date of the first ever held last year, Lt. Alfred P. Strozzas, Infantry Replacement Training Center Special Service officer and promoter of the affair which drew thousands of soldiers and civilians last year, announced the date.

"The biggest show at an Army post anywhere," he stated as he told of plans and arrangements already formulated for the only rodeo in which soldiers participate.

Preliminaries will be held on Saturday during the two-day affair. Final day of the wild west show will be on Sunday.

"Everything is coming along in fine shape," Lieutenant Strozzas related. "We do, however, need more stock from local ranches. Last year we used a good many horses and cattle from nearby ranches and we have to do the same again this year. I hope that ranchers, who aided us greatly through their cooperation last year, will get in touch with me. We can use their stock."

Some choice rodeo stock already has been promised by Harry Rowell, Hayward, Calif., rancher. He also is furnishing a portable arena.

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# Free GI Haircuts 10 Minutes Flat

CAMP GRANT, Ill.—Rookies entering the Army at Camp Grant now get a free haircut on Uncle Sam.

A new barber shop, equipped with 20 chairs and manned by soldier tonsorialists was activated recently at the recruit reception center for the sole purpose of reducing new soldiers' over-grown locks to GI size.

Established under direction of Brig. Gen. John M. Willis, camp commander, and Lt. Col. Forrest W. Edwards, commander of the RRC, the new parlor has everything but a cash register. It is part of the regular processing system, and one of the first places visited by long-haired rookies—even before they are issued uniforms.

Unlike in civilian shops, however, the customer in the new parlor does not ask for "the works." He gets a GI (under two inches) haircut and that's all. No shaves, shampoos, massages, or singes. And no charges or tips either.

The latest wrinkle in the processing system came upon discovery by Army authorities that some 90 per cent of the men arriving at the RRC were in need of haircuts. This presented a puzzler to the clothing department for cap measurements. A cap which fit perfectly at the beginning often was found to be too large when the rookie got a haircut.

And then there was the sanitary question.

First haircut in the new parlor was on the elongated locks of Pvt. Constantine Damofle. Private Damofle not only was the first in line but also had the longest and bushiest hair in the first group.

It took Pvt. Theodore Kaster, an honor graduate of a Chicago barber college, exactly 10 minutes to "process" Damofle's hair to GI size. "It looks much better," observed the rookie as he smiled at himself in the mirror.

## Cafeteria Idea Used To Display Camouflage

CAMP EDWARD, Mass.—"Camouflage cafeteria style" is what 1st Lt. Russell L. Gould of Engineer Amphibian Command camouflage expert, hopes to accomplish in the camouflage area which is being set up under his direction in an outlying section of this camp.

In keeping with the "cafeteria" idea, wired paths will guide observers from exhibit as they grow progressively more complicated in their methods for camouflaging. As the

area grows, plans are under way to arrange camouflage exhibits of a contrasting nature. On one side of the path the soldier will be shown an example of poor camouflaging, and on the other an example of excellent camouflaging. Also available will be aerial photographs of both exhibits. The observer will be shown conclusively that what may appear from the ground to be a good camouflage job, actually is a poor one from the air.

The work which has already been completed, is only a start, but it is indicative of what can and will be done. Camouflage emplacements erected during this month by students of the post camouflage school under the guidance of Lieutenants Gould and Phillip F. Huy, have already excited the interest of unit commanders throughout the post and the classes have been visited intermittently by officer and enlisted personnel since their inception on March 1.

In addition to the commissioned instructors Sgt. Thomas Jackson and Corp. Horace Pearson, both of the Post Engineers, have aided considerably in acquainting the students with the practical aspects of camouflage. Both of these men are artists with experience in sign work and construction.

## Pickett Men Win Conduct Medals

CAMP PICKETT, Va.—The U. S. Good Conduct Medal has been awarded to 10 men of the Medical Replacement Center here for having "Honorable completed three years of continuous service with exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity."

Seven of the men are in the Center's Headquarters and Service Company: M/Sgt. Egbert A. Coons, T/Sgts. Guy S. Bleistein, Mike D'Avanzo, John E. Kozel and Harry O. Snedden, T/3 William D. Stephan and Sgt. Alfred E. Downings.

The other three are in MRTC Band No. 1: M/Sgt. Ernest L. Thompson, T/Sgt. Edward J. Praiser and Sgt. Adam H. Long.

## Monroe Salvos

FOOT MONROE, Va.—Lt. M. T. Riggs, Special Services officer of the fort's Coast Artillery regiment, has announced a new program designed to insure that every man in the regiment knows how to swim.

The boys in the YMCA Variety Club are beginning to call Pvt. Morris Weintraub, their ace-tap-dancer, "Hard Luck Weintraub." A few weeks ago the peppy veteran of two wars caught his fingers painfully in his cot while shifting beds in his barracks squad room. A short while later he missed his footing on a flight of stairs during a show rehearsal at the YMCA, and narrowly escaped a serious fall. The climax came recently, during a tour of the sector with the Mobile Unit, in which Weintraub was featured. A low-hanging wire stretched across the road knocked the hapless soldier of the troupe's truck, resulting in a sprained ankle which forced him out of the show and laid him up in the Camp Davis hospital for several weeks. His colleagues are thinking of chipping in to buy him a rabbit's foot.

A recent survey of reading tastes among the soldiers on the post discloses the following to be the ten most popular books at the post library: "Disputed Passage"—Douglas, "Only the Stars Are Neutral"—Reynolds, "Song of Bernadette"—Werfel, "Assignment in Brittany"—MacInnes, "Kings Row"—Bellemere, "Washington Is Like That"—Kiplinger, "Quicksilver"—Davis, "Best American Short Stories of 1942," "Hour Before the Dawn"—Maugham, "Just and Upset"—Cozzens.

## Maxey Mixtures

CAMP MAXEY, Tex.—Col. C. H. Palmer, who has been commanding officer of Camp Maxey since its activation last July 15, has been transferred to Stringtown, Okla., where he will be in command of the Military Detachment, Alien Internment Camp. Colonel Palmer, who took a new and raw camp and shaped it into an efficient military organization, will leave for his new post soon.

Col. Robert O. Annin of Fort Bliss, Texas, has been assigned as the new commanding officer.

Demonstrating a bit of supersalesmanship, Lt. James K. Smith, Camp Inspector, beat the directors of the Red Cross fund and membership drive at their own game. Fifteen minutes after receiving a blank for recording contributions, Smith had raised \$59.50 in one headquarters building only by soliciting officers and civilian employees and giving enlisted men an opportunity to make voluntary contributions. The catch is that Smith took contributions in the building that houses Red Cross drive headquarters and obtained contributions from Red Cross representatives ranging from \$5 to \$10. Not satisfied with this, Smith completed his whirlwind collection by obtaining a \$10 contribution each from two of the directors of the drive.

An excited group gathered around one central object and cried of "It's working, it's working" led to an investigation disclosing that the first message was coming in over the recently installed teletype machine in the Red Cross Office at Camp Headquarters.

## Game Brightens Dull Subject Roulette Wheel Teaches

CAMP BUTNER, N. C.—The paint brush of Lt. Buell L. Whitehead, Battery C, 903rd Field Artillery, is helping to drive home to 78th "Lightning" Division artillery soldiers the lessons of combat by means of paintings and posters.

Maj. Gen. Edwin P. Parker Jr., commanding general of the "Lightning" Division, and Brig. Gen. A. Franklin Kibler, division artillery commander, have ordered their officers to use all possible means of instruction to enable trainees to learn their combat tactics well now, so that they can give a good account of themselves in battle.

So Lieutenant Whitehead, an accomplished artist, has loaned his talents and has painted a number of posters and charts on subjects covered in training.

One of his outstanding projects stands in the artillery recreation hall. It is a giant roulette wheel, divided

into sectors, each of which contains the name, characteristics and first aid to be applied for a type of gas. In the center of the wheel a huge skull, painted in red, appears as a threat to the soldier who fails to become acquainted with the different kinds of gas and what to do for them.

"Gas is a rather dull subject to teach and to learn," he commented. "Therefore, I made the roulette wheel. The men play it for fun, and cannot help but remember the names of the gases, their characteristics, and what to do for them if attacked."

Another effective training aid painted by Lieutenant Whitehead is a poster on water discipline which hangs in the artillery recreation hall. It shows a soldier, behind his platoon on the march, about to "sneak" a forbidden drink from a stream, in violation of orders. The soldier looks furtively at his platoon, marching forward. Two vultures on a

nearby fence eye him as a target for their next meal.

## Twin Discovery

CAMP BEALE, Calif. — It learned here the other day that twin brothers, neither of whom knew of the other's presence, were in the same camp.

Red Cross officials were trying to hunt up Pvt. Mott Underwood of an engineers' squadron, as a result of a telegram urging the man to go home to see his mother who was critically ill. They first only able to locate Pvt. Marshall Underwood, another engineers' group, who turned out to be Mott's twin brother. Both men were granted emergency furloughs.

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## Bunnies Numerous

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Of the numerous bunnies killed, one was knocked off with a hatchet at 20 feet and another tripped up on the run with a brush hook.

Cutting through rotten trees, the men have disturbed more than one family of coon and possum. The bass are plentiful as pine trees in streams of the area, the men say, and if they stay around long enough there may be fresh game on the table.

But snakes are the most numerous of all. The soldiers kill rattlers by the dozen daily and, as one colored boy expressed it, "This must have been the place the snakes landed when St. Pat threw 'em out of

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## Some Got Wet

The soldiers learned a lot about bivouacking in jungles with the torrential rains of their first week out. The field manual says that trenches should be dug even with the sides of pup tents. Some dug them right, others didn't. Some had wet blankets after the rain—others didn't.

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# America's Alertmen Best Camp Paper

## Judges' Decision Given in Camp Newspaper Service Contest

Best camp newspaper, according to the decision of the judges of the Camp Newspaper Service Contest, is America's Alertmen, published by and for the Antiaircraft Artillery Command at Fort Totten, N. Y.

First prizes in their respective classes were won by Fort Niagara Drum, (mimeographed), the Baer Field Beacon, (photo-offset), and the Wheeler Windsong (letterpress).

The judges, who gave a unanimous decision, were Norman Chandler of the Los Angeles Times, George Cornish of the New York Herald-Tribune, and Robert Fuoss, of Saturday Evening Post.

The awards were based on the first four issues published after January 1, 1943. It was noted by the judges that every paper entered jumped its quality considerably for the issues of the contest.

Seventy-four papers were awarded certificates of achievement for their efforts in the contest. The list of these is given below. It will be noted that they are listed alphabetically, and it should be understood that their position in the list has no relation to their relative merit, as revealed in the contest.

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## Chaplains Drawn From Army Ranks

In line with the Army's policy of filling its officer requirements from its own ranks wherever possible, an announcement is made which will draw a number of chaplains from the ranks.

Military personnel, enlisted men, as well as officers, who were ordained ministers serving with congregations at the time of their entry into the Army, and who measure up to the Army's qualifications for chaplains, are now being given appointments on their application to the chaplain's corps. About twenty such appointments have already been made.

## And a Personal Maid For Each

LONDON—"Stars and Stripes," the U. S. Army daily newspaper published here, last Wednesday published a lead editorial announcing that plans had been completed to give 30-day furloughs at home to officers and men who have served in this theater a year.

The paper said that they would be sent home on the Normandie, which has been salvaged and newly outfitted, and would be manned by a crew of WACs. Gypsy Rose Lee and Betty Grable would be aboard. You guessed it: Wednesday was April 1—April Fool's Day.

## Quiz Answers

(See Page 11)

1. 33  
2. B. Army of the U. S. includes all draftees and those who have enlisted for the duration plus six months. U. S. Army refers to our Regular Army.  
3. C. Propellers are always sprayed with paint when they are "lying down"—that is, in a horizontal position. They are carefully checked for balance, because even the slightest deviation can ruin a motor.

4. C  
5. C. He whistled "Taps" to his bugler while the Army of the Potomac was encamped at Harrison's Landing, Va., 1862.  
6. Bulldog

7. A  
8. 1941, on June 22, German troops began their attack at dawn. Half an hour later Hitler declared war.  
9. False. It should also be mended when torn.

10. C. The cost varies between the two figures depending upon the type of training.

# AAF Headquarters Reorganized

(Continued from Page 1)  
(Plans), Brig. Gen. R. W. Harper (Training), Brig. Gen. J. M. Bevans (Personnel) and Col. E. P. Sorenson (Intelligence).

The offices of the Assistant Chiefs will have primary interest in, and supervision of, specific commands in the field.

### Decentralized

Heretofore there has been a centralized organization within headquarters in Washington to which many undertakings flowed for decision. Under the new set-up, components in the field will, in short, be told what to do but not how to do it.

Under the new organization, all control continues to stem from the commanding general, Army Air Forces, and all responsibility to devolve upon him. The commanding general serves as a member of the Joint U. S. Chiefs of Staff and Commanders-in-Chief of Staff, as chairman of the Joint Aircraft Committee and participates in formulating and executing policies and plans concerning the strategic conduct of the war, program of requirements, allocation of munitions resources, and requirements for overseas transportation based on approved strategic policy and priority.

The Chief of Air Staff executes the commanding general's orders, acts for the commanding general in his temporary absence, directs, supervises and coordinates the activities of the Air Staff, Special Staff and Commands.

The Chief of Air Staff formerly was assisted in the performance of his duties by only one deputy chief, Brig. Gen. T. J. Hanley. Under the new organization there will be three deputy chiefs.

Newly established are the offices of the six assistant chiefs of Air Staff. They replace and absorb, in new alignments, the functions of the classic military staff divisions of A-1, A-2, A-3 and A-4; and of the assistant chiefs for Operational Plans and for Program Planning.

The Office of the Chief of Management Control, which formerly was a

component of the Air Staff, now is an agency directly under the Chief of Air Staff, and continues to be headed by Col. Byron E. Gates.

### New Office

A new office of Special Projects has been created, headed by Col. F. Trubee Davison, former Assistant Chief of Air Staff, A-1.

A new command, Army Air Forces Flight Control Command, has been formed. It will absorb the functions of the former Directorate of Air Traffic and Safety, the Army Air

Forces Communications Service and the Army Air Forces Weather Services. It will be commanded by Col. Samuel R. Harris, formerly Director of Air Traffic and Safety.

Maj. Gen. Follett Bradley, who has been on special duty with headquarters, Army Air Forces, becomes Inspector.

Succeeding General Echols as commanding general, Materiel Command is Brig. Gen. Charles E. Bradford, formerly Supervisor, Western Procurement District, Materiel Command.

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